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PIRATES ARE BEING STARVED OUT

A MOUNTAIN DRIVE BANDITS COMPELLED TO EAT HUMAN FLESH

A GRUESOME TALE

How pirates with \$500,000 in cash in their possession were reduced into such dire straits that they had to eat the flesh of persons they had kept in captivity is reflected in a report below. From the notorious Ku Tau Mountains of the Sze Yap (the hinterland of Kongmoon), a hideous tale has come about a young woman who had a live snake rammed down her throat by outlaws whose advances she spurned.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakkal, Kongmoon, Yesterday. Ku Tau Mountains are still being besieged by troops of the Kwangtung Government although outlawry has been practically stamped out since the first drive against the hordes.

The immenseness of the authorities' task is realised by the area of the territory covered. It is about 20 miles by 30 miles. Accordingly, the besieging troops have decided to continue to starve the remaining pirates and bandits out of their hiding places.

Vigilance Maintained

With each move, more "frightfulness" is coming to light. It is also apparent now that all the native robbers have either fled or have been accounted for. Those that remained were from other places and could not speak Cantonese and therefore not in a position to run the gauntlet.

Vigilance is maintained by the Army units engaged. Each part of the mountain system suspected is minutely combed out in the determined attempt to clear the zone after its long experience of crime.

Woodmen of the neighbourhood have been allowed to enter the area. They are searched both when going in and out.

The Rice Provider

A man 70 years of age was observed, however, going up the mountains every morning and returning with a bundle of wood every evening like others who collect fuel. His age, however, aroused suspicion, it seeming strange that an old man like him could work so assiduously for so little return.

One morning he was searched. A few lbs. of rice was found concealed on his person. His explanation that he carried the food for his midday meal and in case he failed to get down by nightfall was accepted. When he came back he was searched again. This time \$20 in Hong Kong banknotes was found on him.

He then confessed that he had supplied fugitive pirates with rice and made big profits by so doing.

Corpse Eaten

Made by the troops to show the way, the regular forces surprised some pirates in hiding. After a skirmish, a number of them were captured. A few were killed in action. Few of the outlaws in this fight were Cantonese.

They left behind the corpses of persons held in captivity for ransom. The flesh of some of these had been cut off for food. Such were the straits to which the pirates had been reduced.

Abundant wealth was discovered in the den. Paper money and silver money amounted to \$500,000. Even then it is only a drop in the ocean.

A young woman, it was ascertained, who was also kept a prisoner, had a live snake forced down her throat because she refused the advances of the gang. She died two days after the torture.

Small batches of captured pirates, in fives and tens, are still being sent into Kongmoon periodically.

COTTON FUTURES SIX MONTHS' TRADING ALLOWED

LIVERPOOL MOVE

London, Yesterday. The Liverpool Cotton Association has decided to allow trading in cotton futures up to six months instead of a year. It is thought that now currency has been stabilised the change is distinctly of advantage to Continental and British spinners. Up to now a certain amount of international trade was gone to America owing to the one-year restriction.—Reuter.

K.C.'S COMMENT IDENTIFICATION IN TRIAL FOR ROBBERY JUDGE'S DIRECTION

"One of the most unsatisfactory identification parades it has been my lot to consider," was the comment passed by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C. (who is instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall), before his Honour the Puisane Judge, (Mr. Justice Jacks) and a jury, at the January Criminal Sessions this morning.

Counsel was defending Chan Tak-chun, who is charged with robbery of \$25.71, a coat and a wrist-watch from three men at a hembag maker's shop in the ground floor of No. 20, Taze Mi-alley, western district, at about 7 p.m. on Dec. 26.

Mr. Alabaster submitted that the opening of Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith (Assistant Crown Solicitor), insofar as it referred to certain points about identification, put him at a great disadvantage.

His Lordship directed Mr. Whyte-Smith not to mention the point in dispute in his opening, but to bring it out in evidence.

The Crown alleges that one of the shop folk pointed out prisoner in Queen's-road Central the day after the robbery.

Sir L. Worthington Evans replied in the negative.—Reuter.

A BANK'S \$6,000

"GOING TO PRAY" WORDS QUOTED IN MURDER TRIAL

TWO BARBERS IN DOCK

"Going to pray for success." This is what three barbers, two of whom are charged with the murderer of the other, are alleged to have intimated when they left a shop, No. 559, Canton-road, about 9 p.m. on Oct. 20, and somebody in the shop inquired casually where they were going.

The two charged at the January Criminal Sessions to-day with the murder of Lau Mei, near Kowloon City, some time on Oct. 20 or 21, were Lok Choy and Lau Hon. They pleaded not guilty.

There would be evidence, said Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (Assistant Attorney General) in his opening, that only the two accused returned at midnight on the evening they went out.

"In the Papers"

Next day, the Crown suggested, one of the prisoners was asked why deceased had not returned. He is said to have replied that the man was dead. Subsequently, it is also alleged, he said that deceased had been killed by a vehicle and "you can see it in the papers."

The body was found near a field of sweet potatoes by an Indian constable. When the clothes were being removed, in the Kowloon mortuary, an axe-head fell out. It had no bloodstain. The handle of the axe was found near the spot where the body was seen. Near by was a path along which was blood.

Evidence of Quarrel

Mr. Fitzroy also indicated that evidence would be called to the effect that deceased and the first prisoner had disagreed and, on the day before the night they went out together, there was a quarrel.

Second prisoner, a street barber, had been to the shop before and was there every day after that fatal night. First prisoner had been a partner with deceased for some time.

The case came before his Honour the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E., K.C.) and a jury comprising Messrs.—C. G. Anderson (foreman), J. E. Barrow, E. Sahmet, Lo Ching-tung, C. Earnshaw, J. S. Lendolt and J. Gillespie.

Det. Inspector C. P. Fallon is in charge of the case.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo (instructed by Mr. J. T. D'Almada Remedios) is defending.

CHINESE POSTS

A PROTEST FROM PARIS!

Paris, Yesterday. Well informed circles are of the opinion that the French Government proposes to protest against the appointment of Mr. Charles Crane, the former American Ambassador to China, Mr. J. C. Crane, Mr. Charles Jones, the latter's valet, and the Rev. Henry Bilkart, of the American Mission at Basra (who was shot dead). Royal Air Force machines have fruitlessly scoured the country in search of the murderers. They are believed to have been mounted on horses, screening the mail-body of Wagtail carriers on camels.

The ambush occurred fifty miles south of Zibab, and the fact that any of the party escaped is due to the irregular condition of the roads.

BRITISH FORCES IN HIS MAJESTY'S SEA-SIDE CHANGE

M.P.'S QUERY

WHEN THE TROOPS WILL BE WITHDRAWN

WAR SECRETARY'S VIEWS

London, Yesterday.

Sir Laming Worthington Evans, Secretary of State for War, replying in the House of Commons to a question, said that he was unable to say when British forces would be withdrawn from Shanghai.

This must, he said, depend on the local situation, but of the additional battalions sent to China, three would have been withdrawn by the end of this trooping season.—British Wireless Service.

Volunteers Not Sufficient

Mr. N. W. Thurtle asked was not the local situation sufficiently settled for all troops to be withdrawn.

Sir L. Worthington Evans replied that it was so much improved that a great many had been or were being withdrawn.

Mr. J. L. Wedgood asked was not the Shanghai volunteer force held to be sufficiently strong to render the presence of British troops no longer necessary.

Sir L. Worthington Evans replied in the negative.—Reuter.

POOKI CHARGED WITH MISAPPROPRIATION

PLEA FOR LENIENCY

Further reference was made to the alleged embezzlement of about \$6,000, the property of the Cheung Shing Chinese bank, before Major C. Wilson, O.B.E., at the Central Magistracy this morning.

A foki of the bank named Lu Shu, was charged with larceny by bailee of the \$6,000. He was arrested in Canton and brought back to Hong Kong.

Mr. Horace Lo, who appeared for the defence, entered a plea of "guilty" and appealed to the Magistrate for leniency as this was the accused's first offence. He also pointed out that only the two accused had been recovered on the accused's arrest, so that the seriousness of the offence was greatly diminished. The balance of \$600 the accused admitted that he had already spent.

His Worship ordered a remand until to-morrow morning.

MORE SERIOUS

SECOND EARTHQUAKE IN A WEEK

SUIYUAN CASUALTIES

Peking, Yesterday.

The second earthquake within a week occurred in the new province of Suaiyuan (north of Shansi) at 2.45 a.m. on Jan. 20.

Many houses collapsed, killing the inhabitants in their sleep. Numbers of others are reported to have been killed.

The Peking-Suaiyuan Railway is interrupted.

The first earthquake, on Jan. 24, was not so serious as originally reported. There were no casualties in the city of Suaiyuan, but a few people were killed in the surrounding country.—Reuter.

AMBUSH TRAGEDY

R.A.F. PLANES' FRUITLESS SEARCH

2 yrs. Yesterday.

With reference to the ambush which occurred while two motor-cars were on their way to Kuwait from Basra, containing Mr. Charles Crane, the former American Ambassador to China, Mr. J. C. Crane, Mr. Charles Jones, the latter's valet, and the Rev. Henry Bilkart, of the American Mission at Basra (who was shot dead).

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There is reason to believe that His Majesty will travel to Peking by road early in February.—Reuter.

SNOW TRAGEDY

FATAL COLLISION NEAR BELLEVUE, U.S.A.

Bellvue (Ohio), Yesterday.

At least 17 people were killed and a number injured in a collision in a blinding snowstorm between a suburban electric train and a Pittsburgh-Chicago motorbus two miles east of Bellvue.

Giving evidence the complainant said that the mail-body of

Wagtail carriers on camels

had been arrested on suspicion of the theft of a jacket which he had lost from his house in Reclamation street.

Later a number of men came to the house and demanded payment for medical expenses which they alleged had been incurred by the complainant.

The complainant told his wife

that he had been compelled to pay

the sum of \$100 to the men.

The men then left the house.

When he was about to go to bed

he heard a noise outside.

He got up and saw a man

standing in the doorway.

The man was holding a pistol

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 2nd day of February, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon at the City Hall Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following resolution, viz.—

That the Directors of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hong Kong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hong Kong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinances (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of the Corporation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 23rd day of February, 1929, at 12.45 in the afternoon at the same place for the purpose of receiving a report of the above mentioned meeting and of considering, and, if thought fit, confirming the above resolution in accordance with Article 96 of the Corporation's Deed of Settlement.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1929.
By Order,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Note:—A copy of the proposed New Ordinance can be seen during the usual banking hours (Sunday, Public and Bank Holidays excepted) in Hong Kong at the Head Office of the Corporation or at the offices of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, Prince's Buildings, Solicitors to the said Corporation, and in Shanghai at the Office of the Corporation, from the date hereof until the date of the above mentioned confirmatory meeting.

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J. P. SHERRY,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 23rd Jan. 1929.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on THURSDAY, the 31st January, 1929, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Manager together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1928. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd January to 31st January, 1929, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD.
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 18th Jan., 1929.

HONG KONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society will be held in St. John's Cathedral Hall on FRIDAY, 1st February, 1929, at 5.30 p.m. Mr. R. SUTHERLAND, O.B.E. will take the Chair.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 28th day of January, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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"Y" DAY SCHOOL

GRADUATION EXERCISES HELD

THE PRIZE WINNERS

The graduation exercises of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Day School were held this afternoon in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Bridges-street. This well known school, which specializes in Chinese, has been carried on for about 10 years at the request of families who desire their boys to be well established in their own language before they get into their teens. The school has 220 students and usually maintains a waiting list for entrance, the number being limited by the capacity of the rooms. Mr. J. L. McPherson, the Headmaster, being away on leave in England, the assistant Headmaster, Mr. Cheung Kang-sung, was responsible for the arrangements.

Mr. J. D. Bush, M.A., the Vice-President of the Y.M.C.A. presided, supported by other officers of the organization and of the school. Certificates of completion of the preparatory course were awarded by the school and presented by Mr. K. L. Chau, M.A., President of the Y.M.C.A. The boys winning these certificates were, Chu Yu-nam, Tang Kwok-leung, Wong Tak-wing, Leung Yun-sun, Tang Kwok-yin, Li Hoi-yin, Chan Sze-hoong, and Li Pui-yin. The first three were awarded the scholarship prizes of their class.

In Mandarin

In the course of the programme an address in Mandarin was given by Cheung Pui-yung, a lad of twelve years, as an illustration of the work of the school in Mandarin, and an English poem was dramatized by a group of six boys to illustrate the use of English.

Then followed the awarding of prizes by Mr. Yu Wan, Inspector of Vernacular Schools. Chief interest centered in the award of the character and industry prize by vote of the students. This was won by Leung Yun-sun. Eight primary certificates were also awarded, and six scholarship prizes in the two upper classes as well as six in each of the four lower classes. Nine athletic prizes were also awarded, the presentation being made by Mr. Wan.

The Chairman, in thanking those who took part in the programme, announced that the new term will be opened on February 26 and applications are being received from among whom twenty new students will be admitted.

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"Song Of The Vagabond,"

Harold Williams & Chorus.

"Only A Rose,"

Duet Doris Vane & Harold Williams.

"Gipsy Suite,"

The Plaza Theatre Orchestra.

"Candy Todd Takes The Chair,"

"An Aeroplane Trip,"

Humorous Aberdeen Sketch by Dufton Scott.

"You Didn't Ask Me First,"

(From "The Blue Train").

"When A Girl Is In Love With A Man,"

Duet Lily Elsie and Arthur Margeson.

"The Rose," English Selection.

The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

"A Pastoral."

"Peace,"

"Silent Noon,"

Baritone. J. Dale Smith.

"Light Cavalry Overture,"

Organ Solo.

"Quentin M. MacLean.

"Layton & Johnston Medley,"

Duet Layton & Johnstone.

"Henry's Made A Lady Out Of Lizzie,"

"Fox Trot Clique Club Eskimos.

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ATLAS MARU Friday, 8th February.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore,
Colombo, Durban, & Cape Town.
MONTEVIDEO MARU Friday, 8th February, 1929.
BOMBA—Via Singapore & Colombo.
*HONOLULU MARU Sunday, 3rd February.
SUMATRA MARU Tuesday, 19th February.
(Calls at Penang & Karachi).
DURBAN, LORENZO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR
& MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.
CHICAGO MARU Tuesday, 5th February.
*SEATTLE MARU Friday, 1st February.
KASADO MARU Monday, 18th February.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports From
Shanghai.

ALABAMA MARU Sunday, 3rd February.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.
HIMALAYA MARU Wednesday, 6th February.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon. Sunday, 3rd February.
KOHO MARU Sunday, 3rd February.
HAIPHONG—Via Hanoi & Pakhol.
MENADO MARU Thursday, 31st January 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
JAPAN PORTS.
AMAZON MARU Thursday, 24th January.
SOURABAYA MARU Friday, 25th January.
GANES MARU Saturday, 26th January.
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.
HOZAN MARU Sunday, 27th January Noon.
CANTON MARU Sunday, 3rd February Noon.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.
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TAKAO & KEELUNG
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ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of the Boy Scouts' Association of Hong Kong, held at St. John's Cathedral Hall last evening, the need for more officers for the local branch was strongly stressed. Regret was expressed at the forthcoming departure of Mr. C. H. Blason, who had done much for the local Boy Scout movement.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) Chief Scout of Hong Kong. His Excellency was supported by the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., L.L.D. (President), the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave (Commissioner) and other officers of the Association.

His Excellency said: I have the advantage, which you have not yet had, of reading the report of last year's working of the Hong Kong branch of the Boy Scouts' Association. I am, therefore, able to congratulate the Council and its Executive Committee on very good work done during 1928. The Boy Scouts now form an important element in the educational system of this Colony, and their influence is likely to increase year by year. It is, therefore, essential that we should proceed upon sound lines, and our greatest need at the moment is to obtain adequately trained officers for every branch. The training of officers in England is often undertaken in the large public schools, where boys in the highest classes are encouraged to go through a special course, in order to fit themselves to become Scout Masters. I saw this work being done at Marlborough College and was impressed by the results which may be expected from it. Perhaps something of this kind could be started in Hong Kong. While in England, I also had the opportunity of meeting the Chief Scout, Sir Robert Baden Powell, who takes a very keen interest in the work done by the Hong Kong branch of the Boy Scouts' Association, and who, I am sure, would wish me to give his greetings on this occasion. (Applause).

Loss to Association

We are about to lose two gentlemen, who have done a great deal for Scouting in Hong Kong. Mr. Blason, as Assistant Commissioner, has been an enthusiastic worker, and has earned from our Boy Scouts the sobriquet of "King of Shek-O." (Applause). His Excellency General Luard has also taken a very keen interest in the Scout movement in Hong Kong, and both he and Mrs. Luard have repeatedly placed the grounds of Headquarter House at the disposal of the Association. In him and in Mr. Blason the Boy Scouts of Hong Kong will lose good friends, and I can only hope that their successors will be equally interested in the Scout movement. (Hear, hear) I now call upon the Honorary Secretary to read the annual report. (Applause).

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. S. Mitchell before reading the report, mentioned that letters had been received from the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn and Mrs. Southorn, the Bishop of Victoria and Bishop Vitoria, expressing regret at being unable to present at the meeting.

Annual Report

In presenting the report for the past year, Mr. Mitchell said:—

The Report should by rights deal only with the period October 1, 1927—September 30, 1928, but it has been found advisable to cover the whole of 1928 as well as the end of 1927; since for various reasons many Scout events which should have taken place before

the end of September last, had to be postponed till November. It therefore seemed worthwhile to bring the report right up to date.

December 1, 1927, was a memorable day for the Local Branch of the Boy Scout Association, for then was passed the Boy Scouts' Association Ordinance, 1927, which affords us the privileges of Protection and Incorporation locally. There is no need to deal with this Ordinance here further than to express our very deep gratitude to Sir Henry Pollock and Sir Joseph Kemp for the interest and sympathetic support they showed in carrying the Bill through the Councils. (Applause).

Unit Registration

The New Year ushered in a new system of Unit Registration. From the beginning of the Scout Movement, Scout Troops which latterly included Rover Scout Patrols as well were registered separately from the Wolf Cub Packs, though in theory the Cub Pack was intended to "feed" the Scout Troop with recruits, which in turn sent up Scouts when old enough into the Rover Patrols, each being in reality connected as one. There were officers in charge of each section, and though where possible Advisory Troop Committees were formed, difficulties often arose over the question of supreme command of the three attached sections. Under the new system, the unit is termed a "Group," with a Group Scoutmaster at the head, who may be also in charge of one of the three sections or even a fourth person. A complete Group consists of Cubs, Scouts and Rovers, Pack, Troop and Crew, but a Group may also consist of any one of the sections or any two, the hope being that in time and where advisable the missing sections or section will later come into being. The Old Troop Committee under this system remains the same with the same functions, but is styled the Group Committee. At present there is here only one complete Group, but it seems likely that in the near future others will attain completion, the lack of suitable officers for the missing sections being the main cause of delay. In all at the present time we have 27 ordinary Groups and one Sea Group, as compared with 22 Groups and one Sea Scout Group at the beginning of the year. It will be necessary to make a report on the different Sections or Branches in order to show the progress made.

The Cubs

The Wolf Cub Packs, the junior section, have been fortunate in acquiring Mr. W. H. Smith as District Cubmaster. He came to us with a record of long experience and faithful service in England, and both he and Mrs. Luard have

repeatedly placed the grounds of Headquarter House at the disposal of the Association. In him and in Mr. Blason the Boy Scouts of Hong Kong will lose good friends, and I can only hope that their successors will be equally interested in the Scout movement. (Hear, hear) I now call upon the Honorary Secretary to read the annual report. (Applause).

The Scouts

The Boy Scout Troops, including the Sea Scouts, have increased from 22 to 24, but of the original 22 one was practically moribund, and ceased to exist early in the year, so that the gain is three new Troops.

Again the growth would have been far greater had we been able to supply the urgent demand for suitable Scoutmasters. Those we have are working short-handed, and, taking everything into consideration, are doing wonders. Unfortunately several found the time required more than they were able to spare and had to resign, but we are none the less appreciative of the splendid work they have all put in. Mr. White, our District Scoutmaster, has found himself handicapped in the same way, but we hope in the near future to be able to give him the extra help he so urgently needs. We should be sorry to lose the valuable services of one who has been closely connected with Hong Kong Scouting for so many years.

The Rovers

The Rover Scout Crews have unfortunately progressed least of the three sections. Again the cause had largely been lack of Rover Leaders. This Branch of Scouting is probably the most difficult to run and so far its special aims and methods have hardly been grasped sufficiently well for us to expect great advance.

However our old friend, Mr. Chikunkin, has nobly undertaken the oversight of this section, during his all too short sojourn in the Colony, and we look for tremendous strides forward in the near future. (Applause).

There are now nine patrols of Rover Scouts, with the possibility of more in the future. (Applause).

The Headquarters Staff

The local Headquarters Staff has been very fortunate in obtaining two very efficient secretaries. First of all, Mr. J. A. Worswick, and then, when he was moved to the Dutch East Indies, Mr. A. S. Mitchell took over the onerous duties connected with that post.

Mr. Mitchell had much experience in the same work in Calcutta, and we warmly congratulate ourselves on acquiring him. (Applause).

The difference both these gentlemen

recalled, but we are glad to say that many of them, with Mr. Blason in charge, will probably represent Hong Kong at the Imperial Jamboree in England next August. (Applause).

Taking the growth of the movement locally, it has been most vigorous on the other side of the Harbour, and there is a large field yet to be covered in that direction.

We note that Schools are coming more and more to realise the value of Scouting as a real help in character training. The new Scout Troops are all Chinese.

It has been most gratifying to find that the camping habit is becoming stronger and stronger, and such camps as we have been able to visit have shown marked improvement in lay-out, cleanliness and efficiency. Scouting is essentially of the open air, and in camp Scout training has its greatest possibilities. There has also been far more "hike-camping," two or three boys together, for one or two nights than in previous years.

Badge Work

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to the many instructors and examiners who have helped us so splendidly with the badge work.

Our Badge Secretary, Scoutmaster Y. Fenton, has found the necessary arranging of instruction and examination a great tax on his time, and we offer him our sincere thanks. The boys have taken full advantage of the chances given.

There were two inspections held during the year by His Excellency the Governor, Chief Scout of Hong Kong, whose never-failing interest and assistance has afforded us great encouragement.

One was held in January when the Prince of Wales Banner was presented to the 1st Sea Scouts, the winning Troop for 1927, and the other in May, when the "Silver Wolf" was presented to the Commissioner by His Excellency at the request of the Chief Scout of the World, Sir R. S. Baden Powell.

On both occasions the boys presented a smart and efficient appearance.

Rallies

The usual Banner competition rallies take place in the grounds of Headquarter House in the Spring and Autumn. We feel we cannot sufficiently express our gratitude to His Excellency Major General and Mrs. Luard for all they have done for us. The Thanks Badges presented to them at the Autumn rally were but very small tokens of our genuine appreciation of their great kindness and our affection for them personally, and we earnestly wish them "God speed" when they leave Hong Kong. (Applause).

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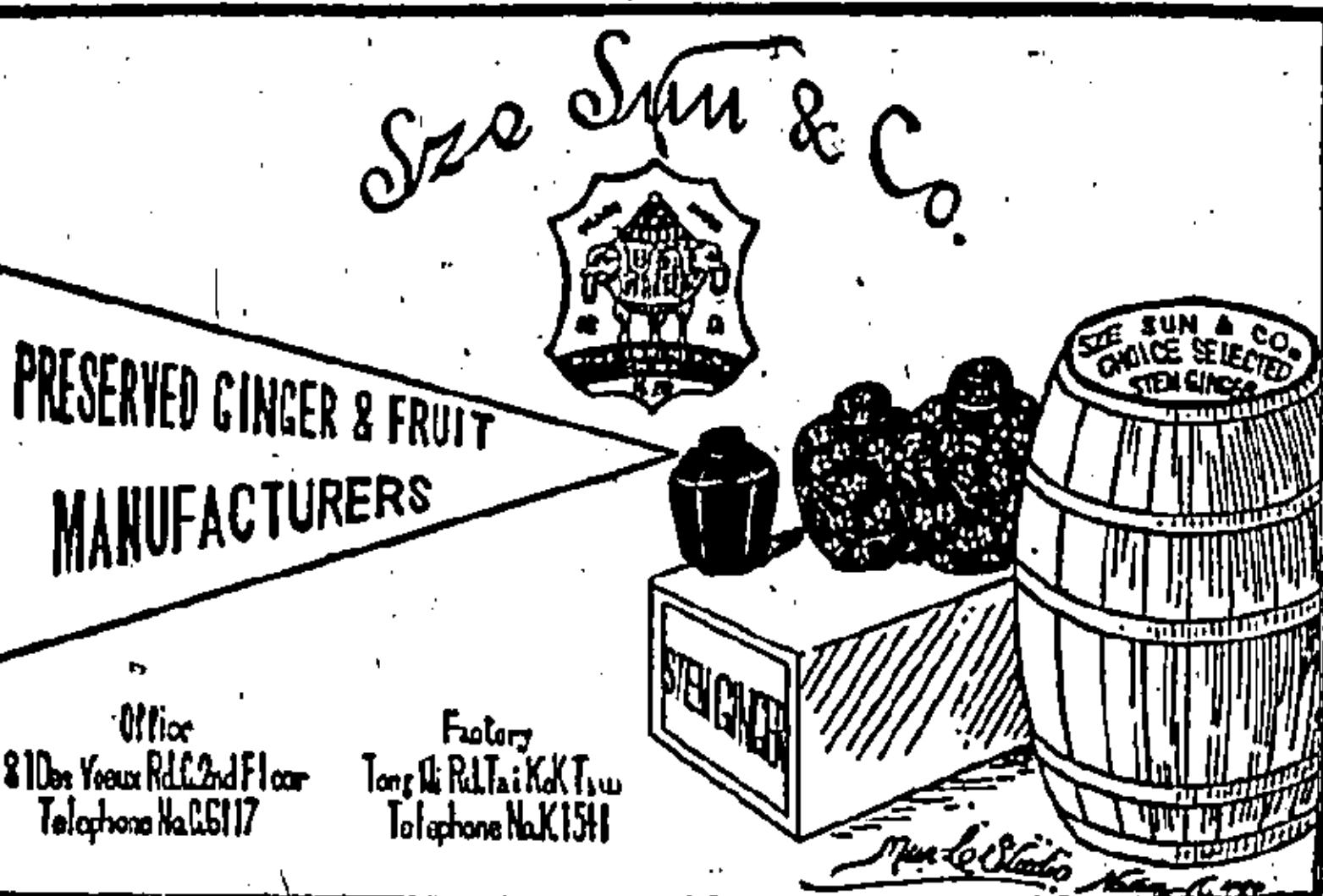
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who remained in one while suffering from small-pox presented a grave danger to contact, direct and indirect, to those who have not been vaccinated. The authorities, we are convinced, therefore refuse to allow victim to be buried in tenement houses, which points to the surmise that it is only Chinese who possess more or less separate households, and therefore Chinese of the so-called better-class, who are granted this privilege. And these, of course, possess sufficient intelligence and worldly-wisdom not to attempt to jeopardise the lives of others by failing to take the necessary precautions.

Hong Kong lovers of classical dancing will soon have an opportunity to see one of the world's most noted exponents of Greek and interpretive dancing in the person of "Cathryn," who has been secured by the management of the Queen's Theatre for a short season commencing Sunday next. "Cathryn," as she is known on the stage, arrives from Shanghai where she proved one of the greatest attractions there in recent months. A wide variety of items will be given during the local season, and classical, interpretive and oriental dances will be included in the opening programme. There should be crowded houses at the Queen's next week to see this talented dancer. A complete change of programme will be given on Tuesday and Thursday.

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Village Yokel: "Aye."

Disguised Policeman: "How often?"

Village Yokel (with a wink): "When missus is poorly an' I cooks my own breakfast!"

Wife (examining day's catch): "Is it true that fish go about in schools?"

Hubby: "Yes, my dear; why?"

Wife: "Oh, by the size of these I should think you have disturbed an infant class."

Yes, it's really remarkable," observed mother, at the head of the table. "Johnny seems to eat twice as much chicken when we have visitors."

"Indeed!" exclaimed the visitor. "And why is that, Johnny?"

Johnny (with his mouth full of chicken): "Cause that's the only time we have it!"

The parlour sofa held the twain Fair damsel and her lovely swain;

Headshe

But, hark! A step upon the stair!

And mother finds them sitting there.

He—and She.

Customer: "I asked you specially for small potatoes, and you sent big ones."

Greengrocer: "I don't know why you're so particular. Time you cut the bad out of them they'll be the same size as the small ones."

Two clubmen were discussing the relative merits of their wives. "My wife looks after me, I can assure you," said one of them. "Why, she takes off my boots for me in the evening."

"Ah! When you come home from the club?" suggested the other.

"No," was the reply, "when I want to go there!"

Mrs. Stukkup: "Tell the gentleman I'm not receiving today, Jane."

New Servant: "But he ain't deliverin', ma'am; he's collectin' He's come for the piano."

Jack was in great trouble; he was worrying very much.

"Tell me all about it," said his pal Bill. "Get it off your chest, lad."

"I only wish I could," groaned Jack. "I've got Marguerite tattooed there, and the girl I'm engaged to marry is named Julia."

The cyclist had lost his way and had inadvertently got on a private road. Suddenly he was confronted by a very stout irate ballif.

"Look here, young man," bawled the ballif. "you go back! You'll not proceed any farther, except over my dead body!"

"Very good," replied the cyclist. "If it's like that I'll go back. I've done enough hill climbing to-day already!"

The Christmas Circus was being organised, and the manager had before him a man who had applied for a situation.

"Look here," said the manager, "you say you could give a turn-can you ride a horse?"

"I should say so," replied the applicant. "I've served seven years in a cavalry regiment."

"Humph. You're all right there then," said the manager. "Well, I'll tell you what—I'll engage you to do a turn entitled 'Cossack riding' — Russian act, you know—that suit you?"

"Look here," said the man, suspiciously, "I said I'd ride a horse—but I should look a darned fool trying to ride a Cossack!"

It was midnight. In the smoking room of a club a young man sat huddled in a chair. A friend entered.

"Hello, Smith," he asked, cheerfully "not going home yet?"

"No," muttered the despairing one. "I—daren't."

"Why, what's the matter?"

"Matter? It's the end of everything. It means ruin, grief, and a spoiled life!"

The friend looked frightened.

"Here, tell me what's up. Perhaps I can help you."

Smith clenched his fist until his knuckles showed white.

"No one can help me," he cried, in agony. "I have come to the end of all things! At eight o'clock I telephoned to my wife and gave her a perfectly good excuse for not coming to tea at home and—she told me—she's gone to a friend's house. I've forgotten what I said."

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OUR WATER SUPPLY

commented frequently upon the lack of foresight shown and the apparent inability of the Government to grasp the simple fact that our water supply, months ago, was so inadequate that we were heading fast for disaster unless remedies were immediately applied. They are now being applied, but what is being done would have been much more effective had it been undertaken a long time ago. We note that in certain quarters the harbour tunnel project is being advocated as though it were something in the nature of a novelty. Readers of the "China Mail" will, however, readily recollect that many moons have waxed and waned since such a scheme was suggested in detail—not only suggested but its feasibility commented upon.

Our water problem is one of very serious moment, and in its solution we must be careful that we do not repeat the blunder made some fifteen years ago when on the opening of the Tytan scheme, it was situated in the most influential quarters that the city's water troubles had become a thing of the past. We trust that at tomorrow's Council meeting, when Sir Henry Pollock submits the resolution on the water supply, that the question will be advanced in such a way that the difficulties with which we have at present to contend and the fears for the future will be dealt with effectually.

Fears Set At Rest

Dr. Koch has rendered a public service by securing fuller publicity regarding the treatment of small-pox cases within the home of the patient. When, quite recently, Dr. Pope made the announcement in the police-court that victims could be nursed at home something akin to a feeling of consternation arose among people who, without the necessity of employing much imagination, saw in their minds the disease stalking unchecked through the community. Now, however, all such fears should be set at rest.

We have it on the authority of the President of the Sanitary Board that when a patient is treated in his or her own house, not only are the contacts vaccinated but also all people in the immediate neighbourhood, under penalty of being detained in quarantine. This is a very satisfactory answer, but the same can not be said in regard to Mr. Sayer's remarks about isolation procedure. He pointed out that isolation and medical isolation is

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the local Red Cross Hospital Conforts Committee has been disbanded and the credit balance of \$1,719.29 divided equally between the Naval and Military medical authorities.

The Hon. Joint Treasurers of the Organising Committee of the University Women's Hostel, beg to acknowledge with thanks the donation of \$1,000 from Mrs. J. M. Alves, as a subscription for the cost of one bed-room study in the proposed Hostel.

The appointment of the Rev. F. C. Young, of the Union Church, Hong Kong, to be officiating Minister of Baptists, Congregationalists, Primitive Methodists and United Methodists serving in the Royal Navy at Hong Kong, vice the Rev. J. Kirk Macomachile, has been announced officially.

On the application of Revenue Officer Tallon, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, made an order for the confiscation of 9 Luger pistols and 100 rounds of ammunition, which had been salvaged from the harbour bed by the side of the s.s. "Benvrackie," from which ship the contraband was alleged to have been dumped on Monday.

We have received a handy wall calendar from Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., local agents of the Eastern and Australian S.S. Co., Ltd. It bears a lithographed picture by Rhys Williams showing an E. & A. liner in Chinese waters with sampans in the vicinity. The date block, complete for both the years 1929 and 1930, shows two months together on each sheet.

The Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong in his private chapel on January 22 licensed the Rev. George Kingsford Carpenter, M.A., B.Sc., to officiate in his diocese. The Rev. G. K. Carpenter is a late scholar of Trinity College, Dublin, and for the past six years has been an assistant master at Trinity College, Foochow, in the diocese of Fukien. He is now serving as an assistant master at St. Stephen's Boys' College, Hong Kong.

TALENTED TRIO**FAREWELL CONCERT IN THE THEATRE ROYAL**

There was a most appreciative audience at the Theatre Royal last night for Mr. William Heughan's farewell concert. The singer showed again his marvellous versatility in songs ranging from Russian opera to quaint old Scottish and English folk songs. Many numbers were given, by request, and he delighted the audience by numerous encores.

Miss Bell gave some charming cello solos and Miss Sayer proved herself, as always, a perfect accompanist and pianist. When the show was over, the audience

rose to give a hearty round of applause. The curtain fell and the lights went up again, to the sound of a solo violin.

SIR W. DAVIDSON, M.P.**CHURCHMEN SUPPORT WOMEN OPPONENTS**

A Ruridecanal Conference called by the Rev. H. H. Lowe, Rural Dean of Kensington, passed a resolution by 38 votes to 26 thanking the women Conservatives of South Kensington for their action in opposing the candidature at the next election of the present member, Sir William Davidson, M.P.

On October 29 a decree nisi was granted against Sir William in the Divorce Court.

The view prevailing among the section of the meeting which was opposed to Sir William's candidature was that he had served South Kensington well, and that with the Churchmen's support he would be elected.

Constituents will look forward to the next visit of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, which will be conducted by Sir

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT

Wife (complainingly): "I thought you were only going out for a second?"

Husband: "Yes, dear; and I've had it."

Disguised Policeman: "I suppose you do a bit of poaching, mate?"

Village Yokel: "Aye."

Disguised Policeman: "How often?"

Village Yokel (with a wink): "When missus is poorly an' I cooks my own breakfast!"

Wife (examining day's catch): "Is it true that fish go about in schools?"

Hubby: "Yes, my dear; why?"

Wife: "Oh, by the size of these I should think you have disturbed an infant class."

Yes, it's really remarkable," observed mother, at the head of the table. "Johnny seems to eat twice as much chicken when we have visitors."

"Indeed!" exclaimed

JAPANESE DIET

Baron Tanaka on Relations With China

CHANG TSO-LIN'S DEATH

Japan Recovering From Last Financial Panic

Tokyo, Yesterday.
As anticipated, the speech of Baron Tanaka (the Premier), in his capacity as Foreign Minister, to the Diet, dealt mainly with the Japanese Government's policy towards China, but the keynote of the whole speech was the reiteration of the stand regarding "Manchuria as distinguished from the rest of China." —Reuter.

Cordial Relationship

At the opening session of the Imperial Diet, in his speech on the foreign policy of Japan, Baron Tanaka referred to the cordial relationship existing between Japan and foreign powers. He spoke on Japan's policy toward China, as follows:—

"Turning now to the situation in China it is highly gratifying for this Empire which always has at heart the welfare of the Chinese people to note that strife and warfare which have been prevalent in China for more than fifteen long years are gradually subsiding, and everything appears to point to peace."

"This Government is sincerely desirous that the Chinese nation, availing itself of this happy tendency in its affairs, may speedily be enabled to accomplish its great enterprise of peaceful unification."

About Manchuria

"Deeply sympathising as they do with the Chinese people, this Government is quite willing, in co-operation with other nations having close relations with China, to lend them assistance as far as possible in their task of construction. It need hardly be pointed out that, the path of China both at home and abroad being beset with difficulties, the Chinese Government, in order to attain its aims, should more than ever be guided by counsel of self-restraint and moderation."

"In speaking of our relationship with China, I feel bound to say a few words about our position in Manchuria as distinguished from the rest of China."

"In view of the political and strategic importance which it bears to Japan on account of its geographic contiguity with our territory and considering the historic significance which it possessed in that the region was restored to China by Japan at the risk of her national existence from the aggressive grip of Tsarist Russia, it is quite natural that the sentiment of the Japanese people towards Manchuria should be peculiarly keen and entirely different from that towards any other part of China."

The Open Door

"Furthermore, more than a million Japanese subjects reside in the region to-day and Japan has many important rights and interests there. The interest and concern with which the Japanese people have come to regard affairs of Manchuria should, therefore, not cause the least wonder. It goes without saying that the Japanese Government will respect the sovereignty of China over Manchuria, do all in its power for preservation of the principles of the open door and equal opportunity, and desire that that region be made a safe abode for both natives and foreigners."

"It is, at the same time, fully determined to take appropriate steps when a state of affairs arises in Manchuria which shall disturb and jeopardise."

"This Government has always followed this policy in all its dealings with Manchuria."

Tranquillity

"In a word, Japan's policy towards China is that two nations, mutually understanding the position of the other, should be animated by a spirit of conciliation in their exchange of views and in their efforts for the settlement of various questions pending between them, so that relationship may be restored between them, that will really not only contribute to their mutual well-being, but will be conducive to the tranquillity of the Far East and eventually to the progress of world civilisation."

"I believe that I have sufficiently made clear the foreign policies of this Government, in pursuance of which it expects to strengthen our friendly relations with other powers, to protect fully our rights and interests, and to contribute to the consolidation of world peace."

Cheng's Death

Tokyo, Yesterday.
A last minute attempt to prevent the question of the circumstances surrounding the death of Marshal Chang Tso-lin, (whose train was bombed in July, en route to Manchuria) from coming up in the Diet, failed.

Issue, was made this afternoon when the Premier privately conversed with Mr. Hamaguchi and Mr. Tokonami and requested them to refrain from bringing up the subject in the Diet, owing to the far-reaching international consequences that might arise out of the controversy.

Mr. Hamaguchi is reported to have replied that he is unable to himself down to definite promise, while Mr. Tokonami is said to have stated that he did not intend to interpolate the Government on the affair.

Stabilisation Exchange

In the Diet, the Finance Minister, Mr. Mitsuchi, observed that the economic situation of Japan was steadily recovering from the effects of the financial panic of April, 1927.

The re-adjustment of banks was making satisfactory progress. A hundred and twenty banks had been dissolved for the purpose of amalgamation in 1927, while 197 were dealt with likewise last year.

Mr. Mitsuchi concluded by saying that the Government was doing its best to stabilise exchange, for which purpose it wishes to raise the gold embargo as soon as possible.—Reuter.

SANITARY BOARD

QUESTIONS ABOUT WATER & SMALL-POX

2 MEMBERS CONGRATULATED

Questions about water for cleansing purposes and the small-pox epidemic were asked at yesterday's fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board and replies were delivered by the Government spokesman. The attendance comprised:—

M. G. R. Sayer (Head of the Sanitary Department, President), the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), Dr. H. A. Fawcett (acting Medical Officer of Health), the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tao, O.R.E., I.L.D., Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. J. Watson (secretary).

At the conclusion of business, the President said that it was the wish of the Board that he should express on its behalf congratulations to the two members, Mr. Braga and Dr. Tao, who had been appointed to the Legislative Council.

Dr. Koch

Dr. Koch expressed regret at the absence of Dr. G. W. Pope, who has just gone on leave, because his (Dr. Koch's) questions related to him. The President, however, intimated that he had been authorised to reply for Dr. Pope. Dr. Koch's questions and the President's replies were as follows:

Question:—Will the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Pope, say whether the statement attributed to him in a recent prosecution for failure to notify case of small-pox is correct, namely that such cases may be treated in their own houses provided the contacts are vaccinated and the case notified?

Reply:—Yes.

Question:—If this be so, what, if any, precautions are taken as regards the people in the immediate neighbourhood? Are they compulsorily vaccinated?

Reply:—The Medical Officer of Health applies Section 16 of the Ordinance of 1923—that is to say, he requires the unvaccinated to be vaccinated forthwith under pain of being detained in quarantine.

Question:—It was stated that the Sanitary Board permitted such procedure, vide Question 1. If this is so, when and under what circumstances was the Board influenced to allow this?

Reply:—Its resolution dated October 16, 1928. The circumstances which dictated this resolution were, no doubt, the occurrence of a severe epidemic of small-pox presenting similar features to the present epidemic.

Question:—In such cases can the Medical Officer of Health satisfy himself that danger of spread can be averted especially in crowded localities and tenement houses, and can efficient and proper means of isolation be adopted among the poorer classes in the community?

Reply:—I am advised that efficient and proper isolation in a tenement house is quite impossible; any person remaining there while suffering from small-pox presents a grave danger to contacts direct and indirect who have not rendered themselves immune by vaccination.

Question:—In the case of a foreigner suffering from small-pox, compulsory removal to an isolation hospital is insisted upon.

Reply:—In the few cases—three—in which a European has contracted the disease the Medical Officer of Health has had prompt notification and the patient has been immediately removed to an isolation hospital.

Question:—Are the nurses and staff in the Kennedy Town Hospital strictly isolated and forbidden to leave the compound except for a walk along Jardine-road, and also forbidden to mix with the community. If so, why is such strict isolation insisted upon in their case?

Reply:—The Director of Medical and Sanitary Services authorises me to reply "Yes." In order to avoid the risk of carrying infection from their patients.

Question:—How many cases have been dumped, and how many concealed cases discovered? Can a statement be given of the cases dumped weekly compared with the cases notified?"

Reply:—Dumped. Conceded Notified.

Oct. 17 Nil 21

Nov. 7 100

Dec. 249 340

Jan. 1 to 17 142 205

Total 478 666

Public Bath

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin asked questions regarding the number of public bath houses in existence, their locality, hours of service, whether the attention of the public, particularly the labour class, had been drawn to the existence of such conveniences, etc.

The President replied that there were four bath houses and one being constructed at Boundary-street, Shamshui-po. The latter is expected to be completed in about a month. The other four are located at Second-street, Saiping-pun, Pound-lane, Taiping-shan, Cross-lane, Wan-chai, and Pak-ho-street, Yaumati.

Hours of service are:—Second-street from 7 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Pound-lane from 7 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Cross-lane from 7 a.m. to 12 noon and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Pak-ho-street from 6 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. It was also stated that hot water is provided and that no fee is made for admission.

With regard to the question whether the attention of the public had been drawn to the existence of such conveniences, the President said the bath houses were well known. He was not aware of any special notices being issued. During last year the bath houses were used by 1,144,277 people.

Annual Clean-Up

Further questions by Mr. Wong and the official replies to these were:—

Question:—In view of the approaching Chinese New Year when there is a general increase in house cleansing and in view of the shortage of water, will the Head of the Sanitary Department kindly arrange to give better facilities, particularly to the occupants of upper storeys for obtaining water.

Reply:—I understand the member to refer to the practice by which the occupants of tenement houses undertake a special cleansing of their premises in preparation for the New Year; and not to the ordinary cleansing undertaken by the Board, which is customarily deferred during the New Year holidays. I have referred to the Government the practicability of allowing a fuller supply during this period; and am authorized to say that a full supply will be allowed for the two days before Chinese New Year day and for Chinese New Year itself.

Water For Drains

Question:—In view of the scarcity of water, will the Head of the Sanitary Department kindly arrange to utilise sea water for the purpose of washing drains and gutters, the cleansing of which must frequently be attended to in order to prevent offensive smells from being emitted?

Reply:—It is assumed the member refers to the Island of Hong Kong. Sea water has long been used for this purpose, approximately 50 per cent. of the flushing is done with sea water; 25 per cent. with brackish water (drawn from a well at Western Market) and 25 per cent. with nulah water. A small quantity of main water is used in the east end of the town; none in centre or west. All side channels are thoroughly washed down weekly and all in and below Queen's-road West of Garden-road twice a week.

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NAVAL MOVEMENTS

H.M.S. "Sunderland" returned to Hong Kong on Monday from Shanghai.

H.M.S. "Cumberland" left Port Swettenham, the Malacca Bay, and arrived at Manila on January 22.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL".

To-day—Queen's Theatre "The Battle of the Sexes."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Circle."

To-day—World Theatre; "A regular Fellow," at 5.15 and 9.20 only.

To-day—Star Theatre; Fred Coyne's Musical Comedy Company, presents "Blue Birds," the non-stop dancing revue, 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "The Butter Ole."

Feb. 16—Variety entertainment by the K.O.S.B. as farewell to Mrs. Luard, Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

Auction

Jan. 24—At Sales Room, Duddell-st., household furniture, etc., 2.30 p.m.

Sports

Jan. 24—Ellis Kadoree Indian School's annual sports, Indian Recreation Club ground, 2 p.m.

Jan. 27—Macao International Race Club meeting.

Jan. 27—Cross-country scramble, meet at Race Course, 10.30 a.m.

Feb. 3—Gymkhana of 2nd Battalion, King's Own, Scottish Borderers, at Kwantung.

Feb. 9-10—Purchase, etc. at Canton by invitation of Members of Canton Ride.

Feb. 16—China New Year steeplechase meeting of Fanling Hunt, at Kwantung race course.

Meetings

Jan. 24—H.K.V.D.C. Sergeants' Mess Meeting, 6 p.m.

Jan. 29—Annual meeting of Officer's Mess (H.K.V.C.C.), 5.45 p.m.

Jan. 29—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Automobile Assn., Messrs. Jardine's board room, 5.30 p.m.

Jan. 31—Twenty-fourth annual meeting of Shareholders of Union Waterboat Co. Ltd., in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

Feb. 1—Annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Feb. 2—Extraordinary meeting of Shareholders of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, noon.

February 5—Forty-first ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 12.30 p.m.

Feb. 23—Further extraordinary meeting of shareholders of Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, 12.45 p.m.

Miscellaneous

Jan. 24—Reception at Club Lusitano in honour of Mr. J. P. Braga, 5.30 p.m.

Jan. 24—H.K.V.D.C. M. I. Reception dinner, Hong Kong Hotel, 8 p.m.

Jan. 29—H.K.V.D.C. Battery Dinner.

Jan. 26, 29, 31—Hong Kong Amateur Dramatic Club presents "On Approval."

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MODERN DRAMA

THE BATTLE OF THE SEXES

TO-DAY AT QUEEN'S

D. W. Griffith's latest big production, "The Battle of the Sexes" will be the chief attraction at the Queen's Theatre from to-day to Saturday. The plot itself is an extremely simple one and concerns a chapter that could happen in the lives of everyone. Through an act of fate, a happy, successful business man finds himself the possessor of a large fortune. Lured by his wealth, a beautiful adventuress contrives to burst in upon his tranquil life with startling results. Instantly a bitter war is waged between wife and vampire resulting in an immense dramatic dénouement. Griffith is said to have directed this picture with his usual skill, presenting the same blend of artistry and entertainment which have characterised such noteworthy productions as "Way Down East," and "Orphans of the Storm." Subtle comedy is frequently introduced, this being in the capable hands of Phyllis Haver, as the vamp; Jean Harlow, as Don Alvarado; Sally O'Neill, and Belle Bennett, are among the principals of the large cast. "The Battle of the Sexes" is the most recent release from the United Artists Studio.

At the last meeting of the Council of the Royal Empire Society the following were among the Fellows elected:—British Malaya: Hon. A. G. Glenister (Ipoh), H. L. Molynaux (Ipoh), Hon. Cheah Cheang-lim, M.F.C., J.P., F.R.S.A. (Ipoh Kinta) Douglas McFarlane (Singapore), Soo Hoy-hum, M.B. (Kuala Lumpur), Reginald E. Walker (Kuala Lumpur). China: Colin Campbell, David Turnbull, and Roderick Matheson, all of Shanghai.

A serious accident occurred recently on the Penang racecourse. Santos II, ridden by Tom Gunning, and Highborn, ridden by Syed Ali, were both returning after the morning's exercise when they collided near the "In" gate

Sport Columns

RUGGERINTERPORT TRIAL
TO-MORROW

CLUB V. ARMY

The first Interport rugby trial will be played to-morrow evening at 5 p.m. at Happy Valley between the Club and The Army. The Army are fielding a powerful side whilst the Club will be at approximately full strength.

Teams:

Club:—J. Ride; L. Goldman, R. J. Greive, H. V. Koop, M. D. Scott; V. W. L. Stanion, J. L. Bonnar; P. L. P. Thomas, H. F. Akehurst, W. Beveridge, J. Riddell, E. R. West, W. Lithgow Smith, R. P. Moodie, and B. P. Massey.

Army:—Lt. Gunring (Beds & Herts); Lt. Rickman (Beds & Herts), Lt. Evans (Somerset L. I.); Pte. Wiseman (Beds & Herts), Pte. Squires (Beds & Herts); Lt. Foord (Queen's), Lt. Johnson (Beds & Herts); Lt. Keoloy (Queen's), Lt. Yate Lee (Beds & Herts), Lt. Thickness (Somerset L. I.), Corp. Mogk (Somerset L. I.), Corp. Dithers (Beds & Herts) Corp. Richardson (K.O.S.B.), Pte. Woolley (K.O.S.B.), A. N. Other.

Reserve:—J. Merry.

Referee:—H. L. F. Ewin.

HOCKEYLADIES MATCH ON
SATURDAY

The following team have been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club in a match against the Diocesan Girls' School on the School ground on Saturday at 4 p.m.:—F. Stevenson, E. S. Laing, Cousins, E. O'Hagan, E. R. Bell, B. Taylor, I. C. Bell, C. Ferguson, D. Stanion, P. Goodall, M. J. Jarvis. Reserve:—E. J. Coppin.

There will also be an inter-club match on the Hong Kong Hockey Club ground at King's Park, at 3 p.m., the two teams being represented by the following ladies:—

J. Andrews, B. Baker, M. Bird, A. Cressy, M. Hansen, G. Heard, M. King, N. McNeille, A. Owen Hughes, M. Russell, C. Robertson, E. Russell, E. Tassaratz, M. Russell, M. Riggs, A. Steel, A. Steele, M. Wallace, J. Whyte, A. C. Way, Mrs.

A Golf "Pro." With a Screen Star



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BILLIARDSFALKINER GIVES FINE
DISPLAY

CHAMPION SCORES 99

Claude Falkiner, at the Palace Hotel Billiard Saloon last evening, gave what was undoubtedly the best exhibition of billiards of his present visit to Hong Kong. Against A. J. Osmund, the local champion, he ran out in a 800-up game with a splendidly-completed break of 375. Osmund was able to score only 99, including a break of 49. The professional completely overshadowed the local man, making 966 in all at a very fast pace, the game taking a little over an hour. Falkiner's second-best break, one of 257, was compiled in 14 minutes and included two pretty runs of nursery canons.

In a one-frame snooker game between the pair, following the billiards match, Falkiner won by 45 points to 37, and an enjoyable evening's entertainment was concluded by the visitor performing some of his really remarkable trick shots.

H.K.F.A. COUNCIL

A meeting of the H.K. Football Council will be held in the Board Room of the "South China Morning Post" on Tuesday, January 29 when the report of the Interport Committee will be received.

HOME SOCCER

London, Yesterday. Nelson defeated Stockport in a league match by four goals to one.—Reuter.

Webber, and E. Adsir. Reserves:—E. Blackburn, M. McCabe.

K.I.T.C. v. Recreio

The following will represent the "B" team of the K.I.T.C. in a hockey match with the 2nd XI of the Club Recreio at Marina ground today, at 5.15 p.m.:—D. S. Das, Firdos Khan, Amir Khan, Jehan Dad, Dhulam Mohamed, Feroz Ali, Ghafour Ali, Shah Mohamed, Haribans Singh, Bhagwan Ditta, Nur Khan. Reserves:—Ahmed Khan, K. G. Nair, and Ikbai Singh.

BOY SCOUTS

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Other friends who have left or are about to leave are Sir Eric Stuart Taylor, who, as examiner in many subjects of a health nature, gave as much of his time Commodore Pearson who served on the Executive Committee, and Mr. T. G. Wall about to go on home leave who was also on the Executive Committee, and to all of whom in company with those already mentioned we render this feeble expression of our sincere gratitude.

Claude Falkiner, at the Palace Hotel Billiard Saloon last evening, gave what was undoubtedly the best exhibition of billiards of his present visit to Hong Kong. Against A. J. Osmund, the local champion, he ran out in a 800-up game with a splendidly-completed break of 375. Osmund was able to score only 99, including a break of 49. The professional completely overshadowed the local man, making 966 in all at a very fast pace, the game taking a little over an hour. Falkiner's second-best break, one of 257, was compiled in 14 minutes and included two pretty runs of nursery canons.

In a one-frame snooker game between the pair, following the billiards match, Falkiner won by 45 points to 37, and an enjoyable evening's entertainment was concluded by the visitor performing some of his really remarkable trick shots.

Local Headquarter Office and Shop have fully proved their value. Scoutmaster Ip Choh-hing is in charge, and is making the shop fill a real need. We have abundant evidence of the many ways in which he is working for the success and welfare of the Movement, and his appointment has turned out to be a very happy one for the Association.

By-Laws

We were hoping to be able to present to the Association a fully approved Re-Draft of the local By-Laws, but unfortunately the Powers-that-be at Imperial Headquarters have suggested more changes than we can make in a short time, and we consider it wise to wait until Mr. Blason has been able to see them personally and discuss our local conditions with them.

Training Camp
The training camp is still a vision of the future, but every day we are finding out that lectures and printed articles can never have the same satisfactory results as those obtained by practical training, and we still live in hope that that which has for so long and so prominently figured in our plans will eventually be accomplished.

Our relationship with our Sister Organisation, the Girl Guides, is growing ever closer. We have much in common, our aims are the same, and together bring to pass much that is for the good of both, and consequently for the Colony. We were delighted to see Mrs. Remington's hard work for the Guides suitably recognised and rewarded.

Our immediate needs are officers for every branch, more sure income, and a literary genius to take over the Editorial of the "Silver Wolf". We have every reason to look forward to even more prosperous growth and success in the future.

According to the statement of accounts the total expense of the Association for the past year was \$2,329.63 while only \$620 were received in subscriptions. There would have been a great deficit but for the money raised by the President.

President's Address
Dr. Kotewall, in addressing the meeting, said: First of all I should like to express the great pleasure we feel in having back with us and present at this meeting His Excellency the Chief Scout whose unflagging interest in our work has been a constant source of inspiration and encouragement to us. (Applause.)

This is the third occasion on which, as President, I have been fortunate enough to be present at the annual meeting of the Association; and never before have I listened to the annual report with greater satisfaction than today. For the gratifying result shown; all the credit must go to our hardworking Commissioner, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, and to his devoted fellow-workers. As this is the first meeting of the Association since the award of the

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much-coveted Silver Wolf, was made to Mr. Waldegrave, I believe that you would like me to extend to him the hearty congratulations of the whole Association on this well-deserved honour. (Applause.) Dr. Kotewall associated himself with the remarks of His Excellency the Governor with reference to Major General and Mrs. Luard, who were friends of the Scouts.

Continuing, Dr. Kotewall said: I am glad that fitting tribute has been paid to our Assistant Commissioner and Honorary Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Blason, who is soon to leave us. It is now nearly seven years since Mr. Blason joined the Hong Kong Branch and no one, except our Commissioner, has made a greater contribution to its success. In spite of the already onerous duties assigned to him, he has always contrived to find time to help in all the activities of the Association, and with that quiet efficiency which we have learned to expect of him. He takes a keen personal interest in the boys who love him as they respect him. Though he is not coming back his connection with us will, fortunately, be preserved for a little while longer, for he will represent us in the next Imperial Jamboree. On your behalf I thank him most warmly for his splendid services, and wish him a very happy and long life in retirement. (Applause.)

As mention has already been made in the report of others who have rendered us special and useful services, I will content myself with endorsing its words, and with thanking all who have assisted us during the year.

Money Needed
I would now say a few words concerning our finances. We still need money for those objects which the report has specified, and I hope that our friends who approve of the work we are doing, will come to our aid. At the last annual meeting I said that application was being made to the Government for an annual grant to enable us to meet our steadily increasing expenditure, and particularly to provide uniform and equipment to the poorer boys who would otherwise be unable to become Boy Scouts. You will be glad to hear that the Government have generously approved of an annual capitation grant to us, and we are most grateful for this further evidence of their tangible support and sympathy.

You have heard from the report just read that the number of Troops has increased from 22 to 24, which shows steady progress. More Troops could have been formed but for two circumstances. In the first place, we aim at quality rather than quantity, and we will not form a Troop unless we know that it has every prospect of a long and successful life. In the second place, while there are plenty of recruits, we are short of officers, which is really the factor that limits our growth. I therefore strongly support the Commissioner's appeal for more officers. Young men who are keen to help others, who are fond of open-air life, and who have learned the lessons of discipline and leadership in their own schools or universities, can bring great happiness to our youth, and incidentally to themselves, by becoming cubmasters, scoutmasters or Rover leaders, according to their own preference. It is stated in the annual report that women make excellent scouts.

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a great movement like ours. A politician is often looking for means to bring about ends which may be admirable in themselves, but destructive to the organisation he seeks to capture and use for his own purpose. Scouting must never be used as a means to ends other than its own. Politics have their place, but that place is not in the Boy Scouts Movement which must ever remain non-political, non-military and international, if it is to survive. I would earnestly entreat the scoutmasters to impress this upon their boys, and to inculcate in them the true Scout spirit which is Fellowship and Service to all, irrespective of creed or race. (Applause.)

Dr. Kotewall proposed the adoption of the report and statement of account of the 1928 B. J. Almanac, which was carried unanimously.

The Rev. Mr. Waldegrave expressed thanks to those who had helped the Association other than on the Council. He mentioned the men who had given assistance in many ways.

Officers Elected

The Commissioner mentioned, in pointing out the wideness of the movement, that Imperial Headquarters had issued passports which were recognised all over the world. He also stated that movement of Deep Sea Scouts had been organised.

This consisted of members of the Mercantile Marine and His Majesty's ships who were thus able to keep in touch with the movement wherever they went.

The following officers were then elected:—President, the Hon. Dr. Kotewall; Vice-President, Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. S. Mitchell, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. T. N. Chau.

The following gentlemen were elected to serve on the Council in addition to those already serving:—Commodore Hill, Mr. T. H. King, Mr. C. Champkin (District Rover Leader), Mr. W. H. Smith (District Cubmaster), Mr. B. Wylie, a representative of the Tung Wah Hospital Committee and a representative of the South China Athletic Association.

The executive Committee was elected as follows:—

Chairman, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.; Vice-Chairman, Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Mr. C. H. Blason, Lt.-Col. T. A. Robertson, Mr. A. S. Mitchell, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. C. Champkin, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Mr. T. H. King, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, and Mr. A. White.

ADMIRAL KATO

Tokyo, Yesterday.—Admiral Kazuji Kato, who was Naval Attaché in London in 1911, has been appointed Chief of the Naval Staff in succession to Admiral Kaptaro Suzuki, who has been installed Grand Chamberlain in succession to Count Sutemi Chinda.—Reuter.

WU TE-CHEN

Shanghai, Yesterday.—The Kuo Min news agency correspondent at Nanking reports that General Wu Te-chen of Canton will be appointed Vice-Minister of the Interior in the National Government.—Reuter.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

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Mr. A. C. Neefus, whose age is 61, President of the Norfolk & Western Railroad, and his 26-years-old bride, the former Miss Edith Hortense Clarke, who were married in Bartholomew's Church, New York.

The Shimmy Queen



Gilda Gray, against whom her husband is seeking divorce. Her manager is one of the defending co-respondents.

New Monte Carlo in Tiny Republic

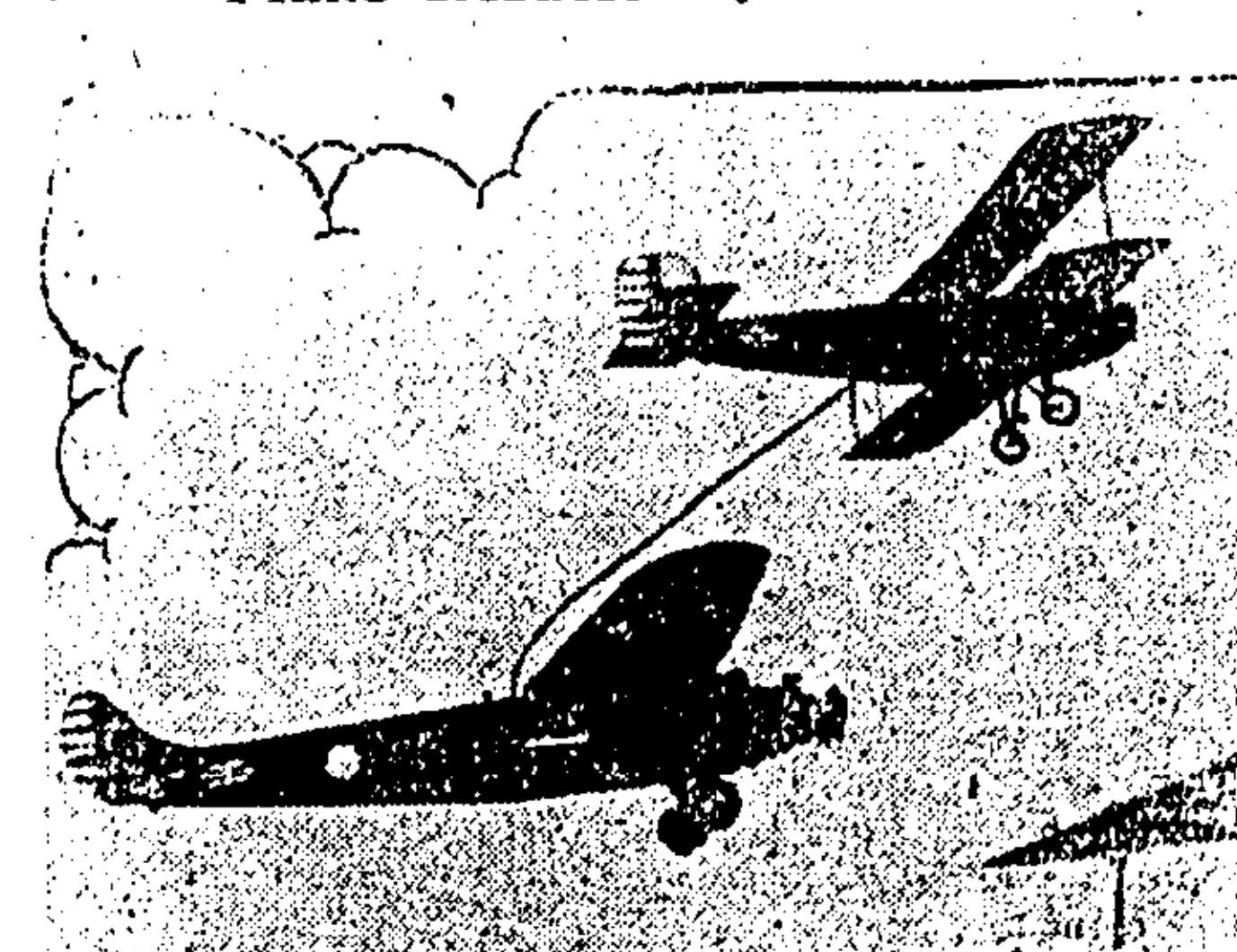


Las Escaldas village, in the small state of Andorra, in the Pyrenees (between France and Spain), where it is proposed a grand casino is to be organised for the pleasure of tourists who wish to gamble for high stakes. Below, left to right, the famous Spanish beauties, Mercedes Sotres and Maria Lascudra, who have announced they will spend their holidays in lovely Andorra.

Bank Staff at Dinner



Plane Refuels in Mid-Air



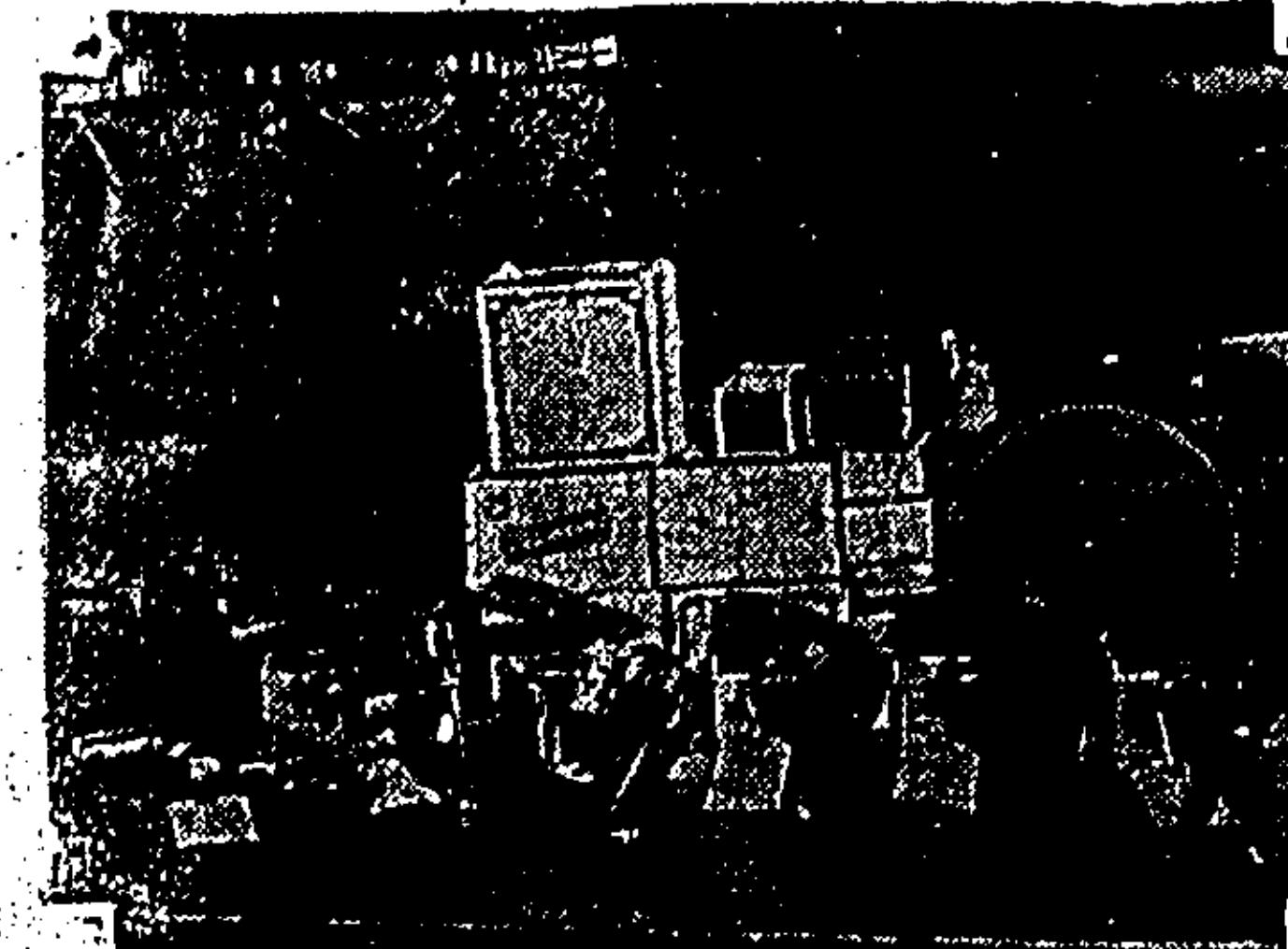
A U.S. Army plane refuelling from another in mid-air.

Channel Swimmers.



Gertrude Ederle and Helen Wainwright (inset), who both swam the English Channel, doing housework when it is too cold to swim.

Bandits Arsenal Seized by Police



Six fully loaded revolvers, 500 rounds of shotgun ammunition and 1,500 rounds of pistol and machine-gun cartridges, seized by the New York police. Eight men were taken into custody. Officials believe the stolen arms came from an arms dealer who had been connected with the killing of Josephine, the wife of Lew Cody, who was killed in a pistol duel several months ago.

Molly O'Day



The film star who has taken to wearing a flaming red tie every day.

Mabel Normand



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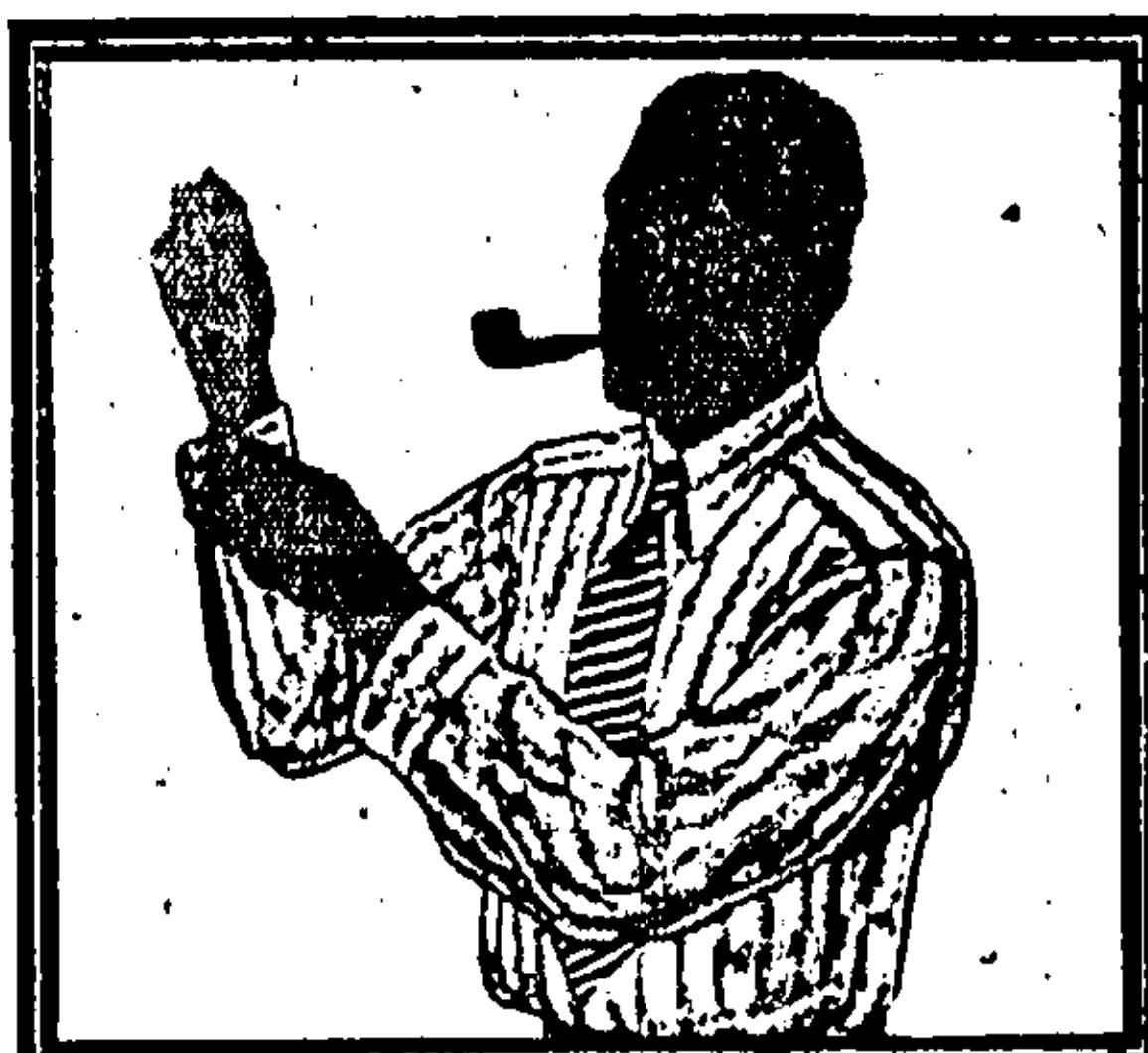
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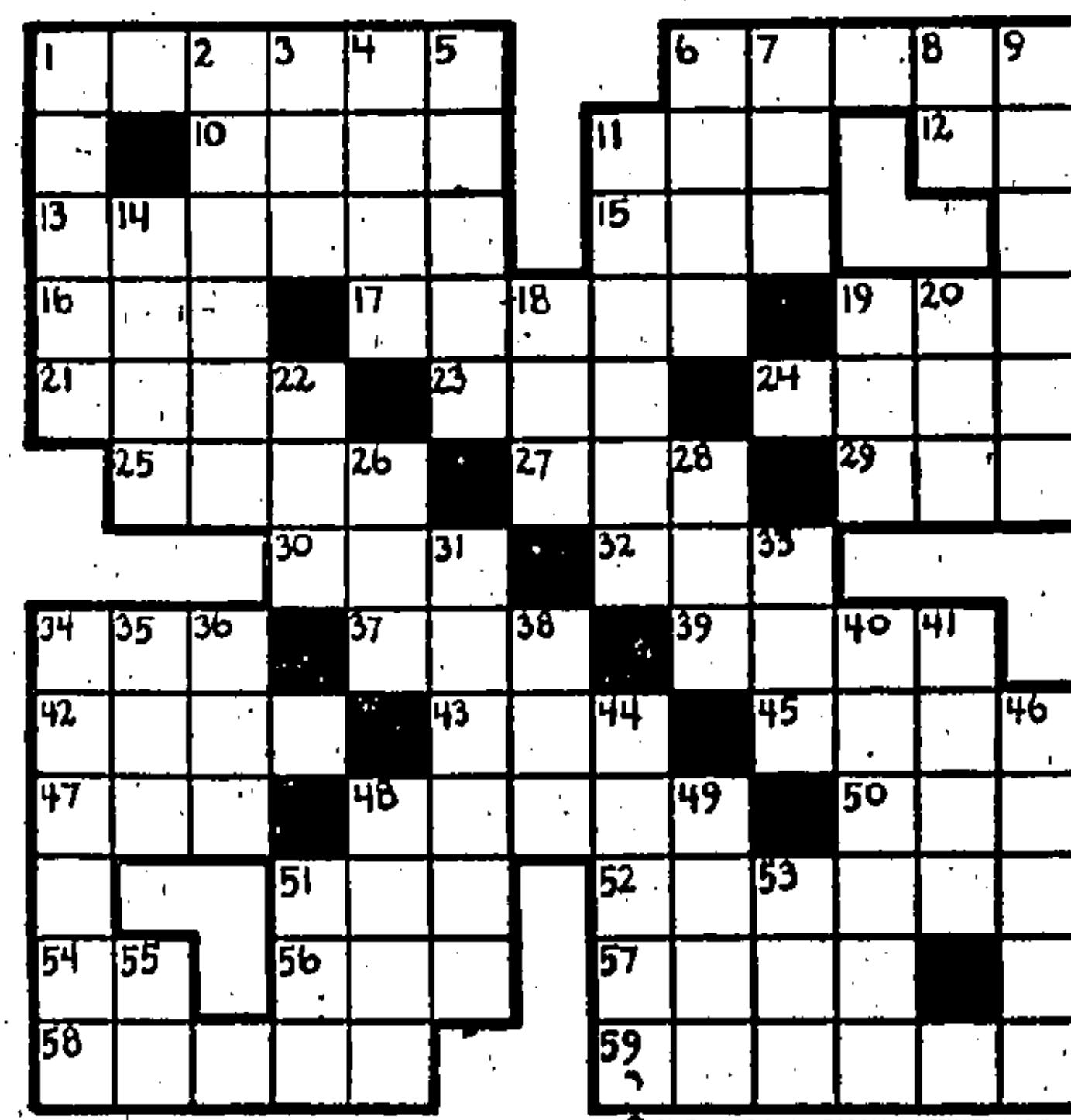


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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



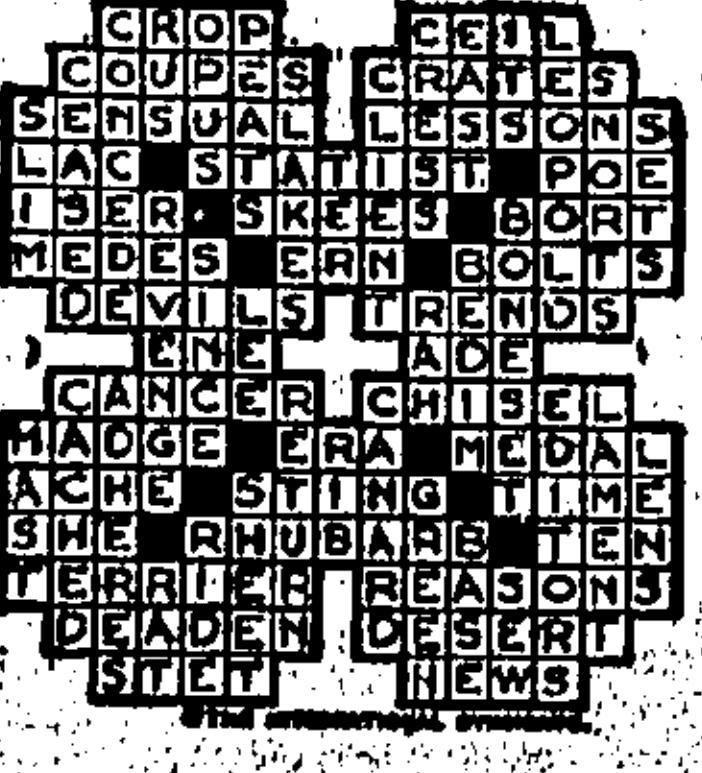
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HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-To dent	47-A marble	14-Large earthenware jar
6-Giving a dull-red light	48-Girl's name	18-A kind of woman's cap
10-Department in France	49-No (Scot.)	19-The poll or head (Scot.)
11-A Hawaiian food	50-Same as "Film"	20-An ending of nouns
12-Conjunction	51-An incarnation of a divine wisdom (India)	22-A sauce
13-An old English philosopher	52-Interjection.	26-Poisonous marsh
15-Erect in effect	53-Mother of pearl	27-A fool sick nymph
17-A city in S. France	54-The north wind	33-Interjection.
19-Same as "paddock"	55-A moulding	34-To grow fat
21-A drink (pl.)	56-The south wind	35-A time-period
23-In no manner	57-A swelling	36-Unused
24-The heart of an apple	58-Town in N. France	38-Press. Not
25-Very small particle	59-Out (S. Afr. D.)	40-The person to whom something is sold
27-Ar abom.	60-A maiden loved by Jupiter	41-A female servant (India)
29-An encysted tumor	9-An English poet laureate	44-A luxuriously rich man
30-Universal pronoun	11-A city magistrate in old Rome	46-Dreadful
32-Side timber of a ship		49-Famous French author
34-Man's name (short)		51-On account of (German)
37-Tavern		55-Interjection
39-Volcanic rock		
42-Greek god of war		
43-A river in S. E. Russia		
45-A strong vegetable fiber		

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

HONG KONG HEIGHTS

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1822
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1784
Mountain Lodge	1722
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1808
Takoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Mitarbeds)	237
Taimorhan	8124
Mainland.	
Telmochan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

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RETROSPECT & APPRECIATION

It is a melancholy fact about human nature that it never realises how precious possession is until it is in danger of losing it, and the truth must have come home to many during the King's illness. The fear of losing him has made our loyal esteem seem cold and unappreciative, and has replaced it by genuine affection and admiration. It is not for me, says "Scrutator" in the "Sunday Times," to essay an estimate of those personal qualities which have contributed to increase a popular affection the depth and sincerity of which were hardly suspected by the generality of his subjects. But it may not be inappropriate to write of the King as statesman. A salutary rule keeps the name of the King out of current political controversy, but while it hides the faults of the unwise, it also obscures the virtues of the wise monarch, and it has worked to the disadvantage of King George. All feel that he has been a good and wise King, but because his name is sedulously kept out of politics not all know how good or how wise.

George V.'s reign has been the most difficult and anxious if in some respects the most glorious period of our history. Victoria's task was relatively easy, for she came to the throne at a time when the political clouds left by the wars with Napoleon were beginning to clear, and her reign coincided with a growth of national prosperity for which there have been few parallels in the history of the world. A young Queen has, too, the advantage of engaging sentiment, and her virtues were enhanced by the unpopularity of her predecessors. At the end of her reign the British Crown had gathered an Elizabethan nimbus, less from her political wisdom, which was limited, than from her length of years and from the halcyon history of her reign. Edward VII. had the gift of appealing to crowds and certain aquiline traits of character which compelled attention everywhere. He maintained the Crown in the prestige which he had inherited, but his reign was felt to be a period of transition, and it was too short to test the quality of his political gifts, considerable as these were.

An Unparalleled Strain
The testing time came under George. He became King in the middle of the greatest constitutional crisis since 1688, and for the next fourteen or fifteen years, almost down to the present day, he was under a constant strain, greater than, perhaps, any British King has ever had to endure. One slip, a single failure of judgment or temper, and the accumulated popularity of the Crown might have crumbled. No one has ever whispered that there was one. And the most wonderful evidence of his achievement is that few of his subjects ever realised that there was an achievement at all. Thrones tottered all over Europe; but his Throne stood safer than ever was taken as a simple matter of course by his people. A legend of amiability and gentleness grew up about him, and those who troubled to reflect on the strength of the monarchy in England were satisfied to find in it a sufficient explanation.

Sympathy With the People
Victoria's hold on her people in her later years was that of a legend and a symbol. Edward VII. was popular by reason of a personality at once masterful and genial and a reputation for statesmanship, especially in the department of foreign affairs. George is the first King whose sympathy with the people is direct and independent of opinion, class, or party. He will go down to history as the ideal constitutional monarch in our history. Victoria made many enemies and took little pains to conceal the partiality of her political sympathies. Edward VII. had views on foreign policy which were by no means universally held by his subjects. King George is the first monarch whose position in politics is so completely detached from his own personal opinions or from those of any party or school of thought that national is the only word that describes it.

Testing Time
The King came to the throne midway between the two General Elections of 1910. Political passion ran higher in this country than at any time since the Whig Revolution. The Liberals, returned to power four years before by the greatest majority of the century, found their policy thwarted by the opposition of the Lords, and, having gone to the country on the cry that the will of the people must prevail, had come back with a greatly reduced majority. No King has ever been placed in a more difficult position, for the Opposition regarded the result of the election as a moral victory for themselves, and were bent on continuing their resistance. It was a time when even wise men were in danger of losing their heads. The King had little cause to love the Liberals, for he was known to be a strong

imperialist; nor could he regard with favour a party in which the extremists seemed to have got the upper hand of the moderate section. His father had just died, and party rancour accused the Liberals of having worried him into his grave.

The King's Decision

Excuses there were in plenty if the new King had wished to indulge any personal prejudices that he might have. For the second election of 1910 yielded results that were capable of the interpretation that the country was undecided. The Liberal majority, apart from the eighty Nationalists, was much the same, and barely exceeded twenty, as in the previous January, and it might plausibly be argued that it was right to exclude the Nationalists, whose political aim was Home Rule for Ireland, and who avowedly voted on general political issues not on their merits, but solely to serve that end. So overwhelming again was the hostile majority in the Lords that to convert it into a majority peers would have had to be created in such numbers as to destroy the social value of a peerage. For all he knew, he ran the risk if he yielded of alienating those on whose help he could rely if popular excesses threatened the stability of the State. Yet the King never hesitated, and when Lord Morley came down to the House of Lords and announced that the King had consented to state the necessary number of peers the Opposition at once collapsed, and the crisis was over. The event proved that the King's decision was wise, but it was a decision that only one whose understanding of what was the duty of a constitutional monarch amounted almost to genius could have made. Victoria would probably have decided differently, and Victoria would have been wrong.

The Labour Government

A difficulty similar in principle, though very different in its incident, arose when the Labour Government was defeated after being in power for a few months. It was a minority Government, and it was plausibly argued that another general election was unnecessary, and that the King might invite the leaders of the other parties to form a Government. Many Liberals made no secret of their expectation that the invitation would come to themselves rather than to the Conservatives, who had just been beaten at the polls on the issue of a General Tariff. Moreover, the right to dissolve Parliament is admittedly one of the prerogatives of the Crown. But again the King in interpreting that right chose to follow the advice of his Prime Minister, Mr. MacDonald, and again he was wise. As it happened, Labour was badly beaten at the polls, and would have profited if Mr. MacDonald's advice had been disregarded. But the union of all parties in support of the Crown might well have been broken for ever. Nothing has been more conspicuous in Parliament than the genuineness of Labour's sympathy with the Crown. It seemed to go far beyond a personal sympathy with the sufferings of a good man and a kind, gentle soul, and to show a genuine attachment to the institution of monarchy in this country. Right down to 1880 the Crown never commanded such unanimity among the Victorian Radicals.

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showy qualities of kingship would have been a danger. He has known much sorrow, for the War, partaking as it did, by reason of his family relationships, of the nature of civil war, was an even greater torture for him than for the majority of his subjects. All the more wonderful is the triumph won by means so elusive, so gentle, as to be seen inevitable. But inevitable it was not. Nor could it have been won except by natural political gifts as fortified by study, and hard work as to become unerring constitutional instinct.

AFFILIATION

Shanghai, Yesterday.—As the outcome of very friendly association socially and in sport, the 2nd Bn Scots Guards on Jan. 18 presented the 4th United States Marines with a beautiful silver statuette of the Guards Drummer. The 4th Marines yesterday at the ship side (on the Guards' departure) presented the Guards with a beautifully engraved silver shield in appreciation of happy affiliation in Shanghai.—Reuter.

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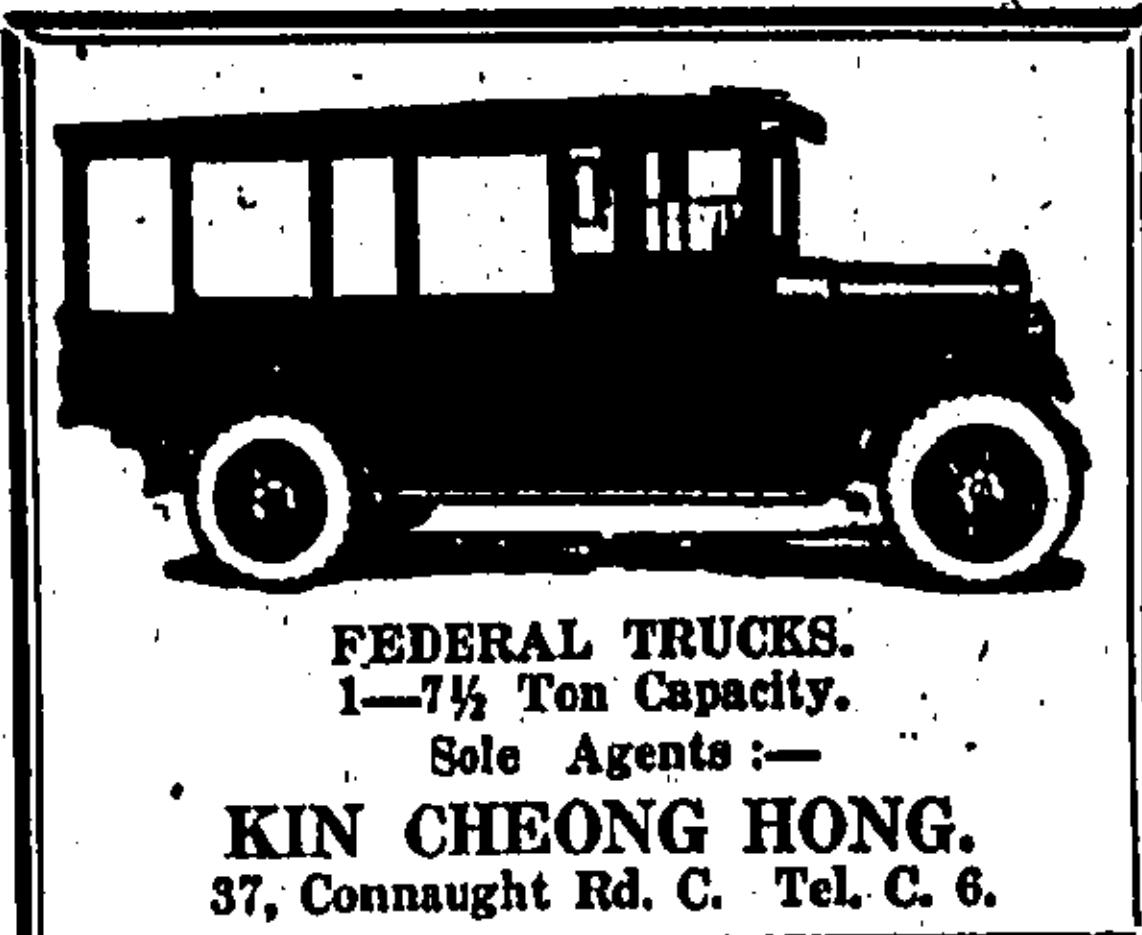
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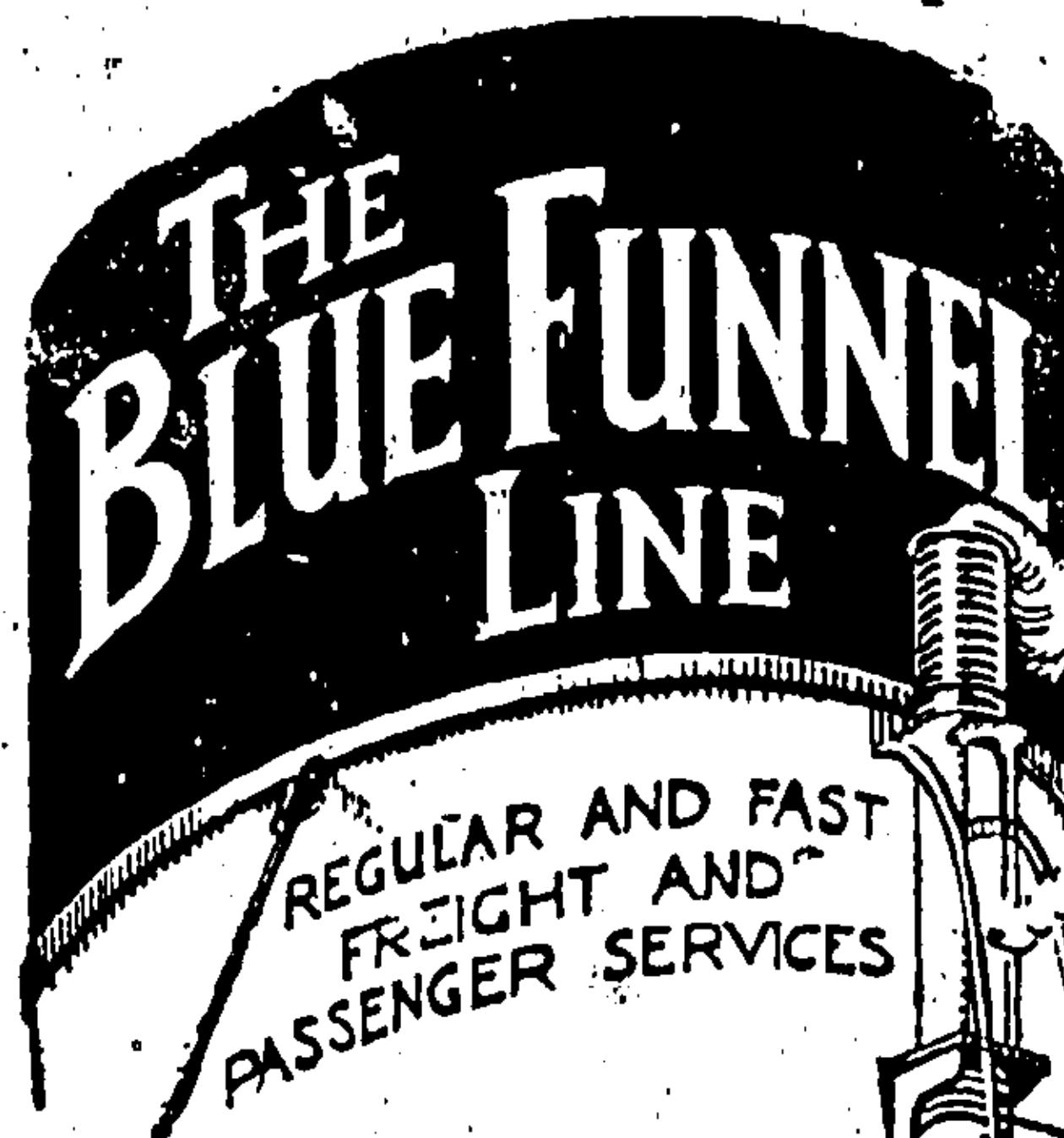
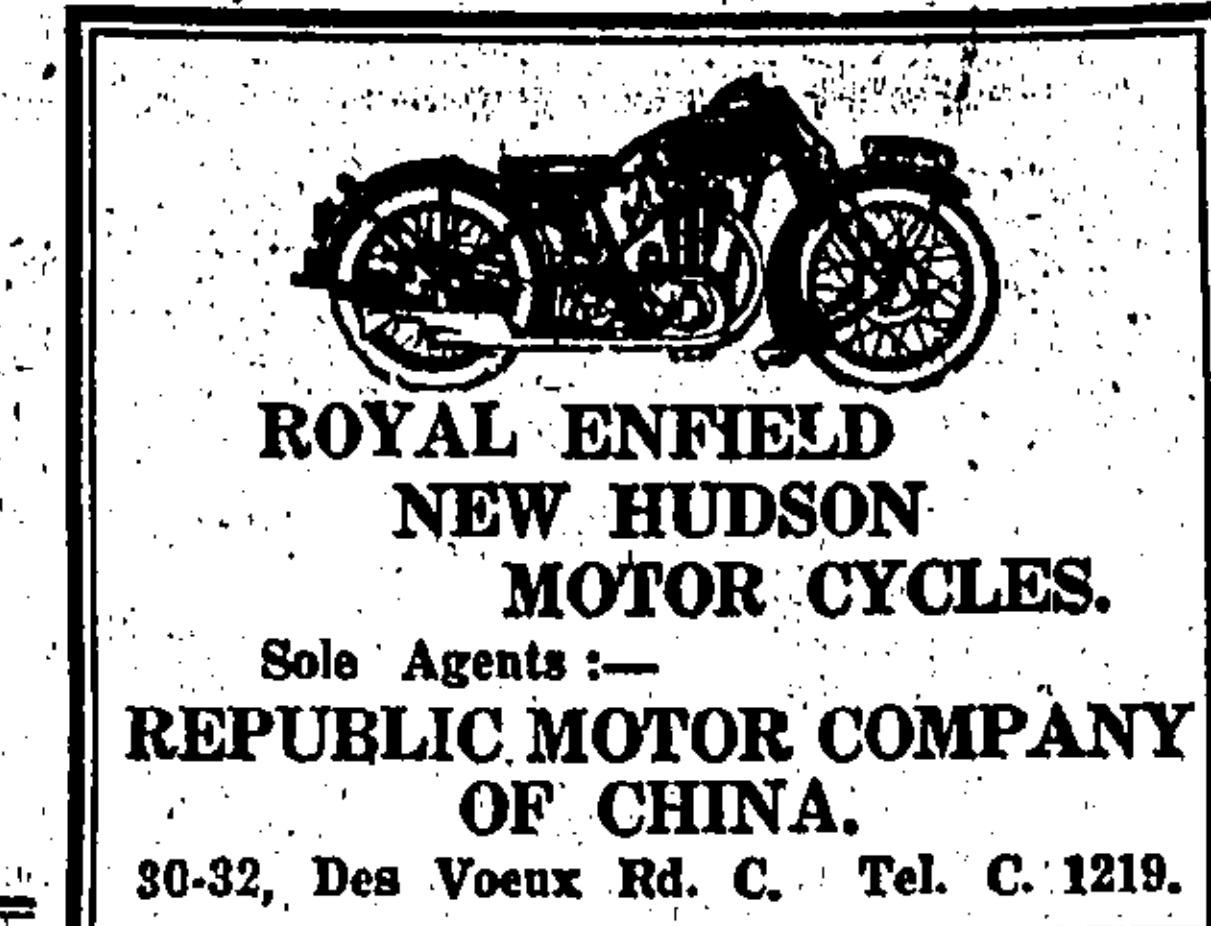




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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23.		
Straits	Van Heutz	
THURSDAY, JANUARY 24.		
Shanghai and Amoy	Newchwang	
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25.		
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, 3rd and 4th Jan.)	Kashima Maru	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 26.		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Hayes	
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27.		
Saligon	General Metzinger	
MONDAY, JANUARY 28.		
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers London, 27th Dec., 1928)	Padua	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Lincoln	

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For	To	Per
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23.		
Shanghai	Yunnan	8.30 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Van Heutz	8.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kochow	4.30 p.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Deli Maru	5 p.m.
Shanghai	Cardiganshire	6 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S.		
America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.		
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 24.		
Straits	Dalgona	12.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hatching	1 p.m.
Swatow	Yat Shing	5 p.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25.		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, Feb. K.P.C. Registration (Jan. 25) 4.30 p.m. Letters (Jan. 26) 9 a.m. G.P.O. Registration (Jan. 26) 8.45 a.m. Letters (Jan. 26) 9.30 a.m.	Kashima Maru	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 26.		
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels Noon Letters 1 p.m.	Suisang	
Amoy	Anking	4.30 p.m.
Manila	President Hayes	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwanchow	9 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	General Metzinger	9 a.m.
MONDAY, JANUARY 28.		
Straits, Mombasa, Lourenco Marques and S. Africa	Bingo Maru	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America and Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 20th Feb., and Europe via Siberia. Parcels (Jan. 28) 5 p.m. Registration (Jan. 28) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Jan. 29) 10.30 a.m.	President Grant	

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PARLIAMENT NOW IN SESSION

"THE LAST LAP"

REASSEMBLES AFTER THE CHRISTMAS RECESS

GENEVA RESOLUTION

London, Yesterday. Parliament reassembled this afternoon after the Christmas recess.

Answering a question by Col. Wedgwood (Labour M.P.) regarding the evacuation of the Rhine-land, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said there had been no change in the situation since he spoke during the debate in the adjournment in December.

When Col. Wedgwood referred, in another question to the Committee of Control Sir Austen Chamberlain presumed that he intended to refer to the Commission of Verification and Reconciliation mentioned in the Geneva resolution of September 16 last. The word "control" was not used in the resolution and would convey an entirely wrong impression of the character and purpose of the body created. The Geneva resolution stated that the Powers were agreed regarding the acceptance of the principle and constitution of the Commission of Verification and Reconciliation and the objects and duration of the Commission would form the subject of negotiations between the Governments concerned. The Governments undertook to study this question and were doing it now. They were proceeding upon a resolution to which the German Chancellor was a party.—British Wireless Service.

SHOUTED DOWN

SOCIALIST UPROAR IN COMMONS

SIR AUSTEN'S "TOPPER"

House of Commons.—The Foreign Secretary, Sir Austen Chamberlain, was the target of angry criticism in the House of Commons one day fast month.

He said, in reply to questions, that he had little to add to the communique recently issued by M. Briand, Dr. Stresemann, and himself at Lugano. No new decisions were either taken or sought.

The reparations question was being dealt with through the ordinary channels. They agreed that the first thing necessary was to secure the appointment of a committee of experts, and they hoped that that committee would get to work early in the New Year.

"That," said Sir Austen, "is all that it is necessary to say in the public interest at present."

NOT IN PUBLIC INTEREST

This denial of further particulars provoked ten minutes' uproar. Socialists fiercely protested against Sir Austen's attitude and at the Speaker's subsequent decision that he could not allow supplementary questions to which no answer would be made.

The House with surprise saw Sir Austen standing with outstretched arms saying: "May I make an appeal?"

Loud shouts of "No!" greeted him, and with shrug and a muttered "Very well," he sat down until the attack was over. He then replied:

I have already said in the answer I have given that I have said all that it is in the public interest of this country or in the interests of peace to say. I must respectfully decline to answer further questions.

This attitude provoked a further outbreak, and Socialists kept up a

SMALL-POX

83 DEATHS IN THE COLONY LAST WEEK

A FINE OF \$50

The number of small-pox cases still shows an upward tendency. In last week's return of notifiable disease in the Colony, there were no fewer than 91 cases of small-pox and 83 deaths, which is a record since the outbreak.

One of the victims was an Indian and one a Ceylonese, while 89 were Chinese. One of the cases was imported.

The following table shows the weekly return since Nov. 3:

Week Ending	Cases Deaths
November 3	22 6
November 10	31 0
November 17	33 8
November 24	17 8
December 1	33 25
December 8	61 16
December 14	91 20
December 22	81 22
December 29	73 88
January 5	80 48
January 12	85 44
January 19	91 83

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Further Details
Last week's return of notifiable disease in the Colony was as follows:

Small-pox: 34 cases from the city, 56 from Kowloon and 1 from Shaukiwan—total 91. 83 deaths during the week.

Diphtheria: 3 cases from the city, 2 from Kowloon—total 5 (1 Portuguese, 4 Chinese), 3 deaths during the week.

Enteric fever (typhoid): 1 case from the city, 3 from Kowloon and 1 from Shaukiwan—total 5 (2 British, 1 imported, and 3 Chinese, 1 imported), 3 deaths during the week.

Cerebro-Spinal fever: 1 case from the city—total 1, 1 Chinese death during the week.

Typhus fever: 1 case from Aberdeen—total 1 (1 German, imported).

Puerperal fever: 1 case from the city—total 1.

Chinese Fine \$50

Remarking that he was very sorry that he could not fine him \$500, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, the Kowloon Magistrate, fined a Chinese \$50 or, in default, 6 weeks' hard labour, for failing to report a case of small-pox.

The Duke of York, presiding at a meeting of King George's Fund for Sailors, said the distribution last year—£53,000—was the largest since 1921 and had only twice been exceeded.

A report in an Indian newspaper states that "a determined attempt is to be made by a London coterie of newspapers and financial magnates to run ready-money betting."

Mr. Vernon Gattie, prosecuting, said more than 700 letters relating to football betting were found in the office. Many of them contained very small sums, but the total amounted to £185. McLauchlan had been convicted of a similar offence in June 1927.

The betting law is certainly in an extraordinary position," said Sir Robert Wallace, K.C., the chairman of London Sessions.

Before him was John Stewart McLauchlan, aged 56, a commission agent, of New Bond-street, W., who was charged with using his premises for ready-money betting.

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"No One Knows"

Sir Henry Curtis Bennett, K.C., defending, said to Sir Robert: I am sure your lordship knows what the position of the betting laws is at the present time.

Sir Robert: I do not think any body does. (Laughter.)

Sir Henry: I have found it very difficult to understand indeed. Apparently if you go to a house and take money with you and leave money for the bet you are committing an offence. If you send it by post you are committing an offence.

If you telephone your bet and do not take the money or send it, you are committing no offence. It seems a little Gilbertian in character.

McLauchlan had instructed him to say, added Sir Henry, that he had now given up for ever this form of betting.

A fine of £100 and £50 costs was imposed.

MORE ABOUT THE CHANNEL TUNNEL

PREMIER'S VIEWS

MR. BALDWIN'S STATEMENT IN THE COMMONS

SUGGESTS CO-OPERATION

London, Yesterday. The Premier (Mr. S. Baldwin) in the House of Commons, made statement regarding the channel tunnel project.

He said that in view of the widespread public interest in the project the Government had come to the conclusion that the time was ripe for a comprehensive re-examination of the question. They were anxious that a very thorough examination should be made of the economic aspects of the matter, in order that these might be weighed with Imperial Defence considerations and a decision reached on broad grounds of national policy. In view of the time required to carry the project through all its stages to a completion of the tunnel the Government were convinced that it would be in the public interest if possible to deal with the question outside party atmosphere and by agreement so that the decisions of one Government might not be upset by another. If the course adopted by Mr. MacDonald, when he was Premier of the Labour Government in 1924, should again commend itself to Mr. MacDonald and to Mr. Lloyd George, the Liberal leader, he would like to proceed on similar lines and obtain their co-operation from the outset of inquiry.

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The Premier replied: "That is a question I have to consider." I think the economic side is of the greatest importance and for some years past it has not been investigated.—British Wireless Service.